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INTRODUCTION.

When, by the kindness of the Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Peel, I was appointed to a situation in the Audit Office, Somerset House, one of my first inquiries, unconnected with my official duties, was, What old papers there were in the place. To this there was a ready reply. I was told of Books of Enrolments and of Declared Accounts as far back as the reign of Henry VIII.; but no one could tell me of their contents—for few could read them; while some had heard that we were in possession of the expenses of building Dover Castle and the Tower of London—

Ye towers of Julius, London's lasting shame-

signed, it was said, by no less ancient a personage than Julius Cæsar. Of course I did not confound with these very worthy gentlemen, and clever in their way, though indifferent antiquaries, honest Sir Julius Cæsar, Under-Chancellor of the Exchequer in the reigns of Queen Elizabeth and King James, with the great historian of his own successes, the hero of Pharsalia.

All this gave no other promise than that the field of antiquarian inquiry in the office of the old Auditors of the Imprest was still ungleaned, and that, if I was not to receive assistance, I was at least to be without a rival. With the hope of finding entries which might throw light on our early literature, I sought permission to examine the Books of Enrolment and Declared Accounts. This I obtained by the great kindness of the chairman of the office, Francis Seymour Larpent, Esq.; with full liberty to transcribe what I liked, and to seek for what I thought was there, or ought to be there. I first went through that portion of the Declared Accounts in Rells that bore upon the reigns of Elizabeth and James I.; and which I thought was likely to contain information illustrative of the literary history of those reigns.

In my first day's search I found three rolls of the expenses of Prince Henry; one excessively curious, and of some importance in our literary history. This was "The Accompte of the Money Expended by Sir David Murray K' as Keaper of the Privie Purse to the late Noble Prynce Henry, Prynce of Wales, from the first of October 1610 to the sixth of November 1612 (the daye of the decease of the said Prynce) as lykewise for certaine paymentes made after the deathe of the saide Prynce in the monethes of November and December 1612." I at once saw that Birch knew nothing of this roll, and that it contained entries of payments to Michael Drayton, Joshua Sylvester, Inigo Jones, and others.

One of the first payments recorded in this account is for:

THE PRYNCES MASKE.

Payde to sondrye persons for the chardges of a Maske presented by the Prince before the Kinges ma^{tle} on Newyeres day at night beinge the first of Januarie 1610. viz.

								li. xx	8.	d.
To Mercers	•		•	•	. •	•	.•	cciiijix	viij	v
Sylkemen	•	•	•	•	•	•		cciiijxviij	XV	vj
Haberdasher	8	•	•	•	•		•	lxxiiij	viij	viij
Embroderers		•	•	•	•		•	iiijix	xvj	ix
Girdelers and	l oth	ers for	skari	fes, be	ltes a	ad glo	ves	lxxiiij	viij	
Hosyers for s	ilke	stocki	nges,	poynt	es and	l rybb	ons	xlix	xvj	1
Cutler .	•			•	•	•		₩ij	iiij	
Tyrewoman	•	•		•	•	•		xlij	vj	
Taylors	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	cxliij	xiij	vj.
Shoemaker	•	•		:	•	•		. vj	x	
To Inigoe Jo	nes	devys	er for	the s	aide I	Maske		xvj		

In all M.iiijxij vj x

"The Prynces Maske" was the work of Ben Jonson and Inigo Jones. In Jonson's works it is called "Oberon, the Fairy Prince; a Masque of Prince Henry's;" but at what period it was played at court Mr. Gifford was unable to determine. The above extract sets the matter at rest, and confirms Mr. Collier in his conjecture that the Masque of "Oberon" was performed on New Year's Day 1610.*

The account seemed to increase in interest as I went on; and when I remembered that Sir David Murray was himself a poet, I was in expectation that I should meet with the name of Shakespeare. The prince was a lover of poetry; and not only, says Ben Jonson, did he honour her with his care, but examined with his own eye and inquired into all her beauties and strengths. His name is, moreover, embalmed in the verses of Ben Jonson, the poet Daniel, Michael Drayton, Thomas Heywood, Joshua Sylvester, Bishop Hall,

^{*} Gifford's Jonson, vol. viii. p. 279.—Collier's Annals, vol. i. p. 375.

Webster, the dramatist, Dr. Donne, Bishop Corbet, George Chapman, Cyril Tourneur, Davies of Hereford, Browne, the Pastoralist, George Wither, Sir William Alexander, and Drummond of Hawthornden. But the name of Shakespeare was not there. I, however, found enough to add to the honour in which Prince Henry's name has been held, and I hope to justify the length of the extracts that follow.

The prince, for his years, seems to have been as great a gambler as De Roos, or any of his associates.

li.	8.
mmvjlxxj	iiij
cccxij	xiiij
	n. mmvjlxxj ecexij

I find no account of "moneys" won.

Master Heriot (Jingling Geordie) and his friend Davie Ramsay make no mean figure in this account:—

Jewells bought and made for the prince at severall tymes,

	viz.		
Jewells geuen for the pryzes at the Barryers* .	^{li.} cccvij	s .	d.
A rynge wth a fayre dyamonde bought of Sr			
John Spylman	iiij		
Jewells brought and made by M' Heriott be-			
twene the first of November 1610, and the			
xiiij th of December 1611	mlxj	x	x
A chayne and tablett withe dyamondes geuen			
to the Duk of Brunswicke	vjl		

^{*} For these barriers Ben Jonson wrote the introductory speeches.

INTRODUCTION.			хi
A ringe of nyne pointed dyamondes lost in	li.	s.	d.
huntinge	xx		
One Cabonett of Ebonye wrought wth siluer			
geuen to the lady Elizabethe for a newe yeres			
guyfte	1		
One other Cabonett of Ebonye curiouslie			
wrought	1		
Watches three brought of Mr. Ramsay the			
Clockmaker	lxj		
To George Heriott for sundry sorts of jewels			
and rings deliuered between 1st January 1611 and 30 June 1612		_	
and 30 June 1612 To George Heriott the princes Jeweller for	mccxlvij	X	
Jewells sold made and delivered to his high-			
ness from the 26 of June 1612 to the 20th of			
October following, by bill testified by Sir			
David Murray, Knight, and subscribed by			
the saide Heriott	mcxvij	xij	ix
Some of the horse, hunting, and ha	wking exp	pens	es,
are worthy of record.			
	li.	s .	d.
Horses, viz.— A bay stoned horse bought of The Erle of Cum-			
berlandes servaunte	xx		
A roane gelding	x vj		
A sadle	iij		
Ffower horses sent to prynce Jenvile with xxx ^{li} .	•		
for transporting them	CXXX	XV	
Twoe horses for the lantgrave of Hesse .	liiij		
One horse for Primerose the page	xvj		
Twoe fawcons bought of a Duchman	xvij		
Three hawkes bought by Sr Oliver Cromwell .	xxxiij		
One bought of S' Horatio Veres man	. iiij		

Houndes bought by Mr Pott	IL XXX	•	d.
Waterdogges, viz.—			
Fower sent to the Marques of Brandenburghe	x		
Twoe sent to Fflorence	v		
Fower other greate water dogges	xij		
Shootingpeces	xiiij		
Anglinge rodd one	. vj		
A larkenett		xiij	ïij
Powder and shott for byrdinge peces	. •	j	ij
Otes for horses at Richmonde		xxvj	
Keaping of Eagles hawkes houndes spaniells	1		
and sondrie other dogges	. iiijlxiiij	xiij	x
Chardges of three Bezar goates	,	xl	
Huntinge ffees in twoe yeares	. 1	vi	vj
Fferying the houndes in sixe yeares	iiij		
Dietinge of horses at Roiston	•	lv	
Chardges about the dogwaggon	xiij	viij	vj
To M' Pott for careinge of dogges to the Kinge	,	•	
of Ffraunce	vj	xiij	iiij
Bringinge a horse out of Scottlande from th'	•	•	•
Erle of Marre		lx	
For providing coach horses from beyond the			
seas, and charges for transporting horses out			
of Barbary	vlxxvj	x	
A few of the tilting and incidental	expenses	are i	not.
incurious.	одроньов	ui v	100
	H.	6.	d.
Launces for the prynce wth guildinge and sil-	**		
ueringe them	iiijij	XV	vj
Clubbes xxxvj, balles to them xiiij dozen. Ar-			
rowes headed wth siluer xlij and a velvett	;		
quyver richelie laced wth golde	xxxvj		
For boltes and arrowes wth other neccies bought		•	
by Henrye Weste	viij	ij	
Money payde to Pickeringe the Armorer for			
guildinge one Armor for the Duk of Bruns-			
wicke and for other woorkes	iiij		٠

INTRODUCTION.		xiii	
Makinge of patternes for ffortificacons	ս viij	s. d.	
Gloves bought at Oxford and at Woodstocke.	viij	xvj -	
One great Organ bought of Mr Hamlet placed	V11)	x	
at St James	alveni		
Vyolles twoe greate	clxxvj xl		
Twoe lutes	xxxiij	vj viij	
A lute and vyoll wth other neccessaries for a		٠, ٠٠٠	
singinge boye	▼	xviij iiij	
Lutestringes and such like neccies		xiiij	
For songebookes and pryckinge of songes wth	•	•	
a guilded coffer to kepe them	хххј		
Mappes and Instrumentes for the princes use .	vj		
Wages of the princes Musycons	viijv		
Two thousand two hundred nounds of		laid and	
Two thousand two hundred pounds a	ire wen	iaid out	
in		_	
Antiquities of Medall and Coynes*	mmcc	#. d.	
Here are the Booke Expenses:—	•		
To John Bull, Doctor of Musycke for sundry		•	
sortes of Musicke Bookes	xxxv		
To Edward Blount, Stationer, for certain books			
by him deliuered towards the furnishinge of			
the princes library at S ^t James	cxxij	XV	
For books deliuered into the princes library at			
seueral times between the 29th of February			1. 1.
1608 and his highness deathe	ccclxxx	xix vij	1
For books deliuered by the princes comaunde			1 100 2 11
for the library at S ^t Andrews in Scotland .	lvij	xvij iiij) fre 3 %
Bookes and a case to keepe bookes	xxj	xvj	.,
The Cockpit expenses are not large:-			
For makinge readie the Cocke pitt fower seuerall			
tymes for playes by the space of fower dayes			
in the month of December 1610	ij	x viij	

[•] See Dallaway's Walpole, vol. ii., pp. 47 and 143.

For makinge readie the Cockepitt for playes twoe severall tymes by the space of flower dayes in the monethes of January and February 1611 For makeinge readie the Cockepitt for a playe by the space of twoe dayes in the month of		s. d. lxx viij
December 1611		xxx iiij
On the following sum, of £13. 6s. 8 no remark.	d., I sha	ıll make
To Thomas Wilson the princes Shoemaker dwelling in the Strande, for keeping a poor boy taken up and found at Woodstock, and by his highes comaundement committed to the same Wilson his keepinge, and that he shall take him for an apprentice	n. Xiij	e. d. Vj viij
••	•	• •
These extracts will bear testimony for the fine arts:—	to Henr	y's love
Pictures, viz.—	11.	s. d.
To Phillip Jacob for diverse pictures for the gal-		
lereye at S ^t James	CXXX	
Twoe other pictures	CXXX	
Mr Isaake for three pictures	xxxij	
One greate picture	xxxiiij	
Three other pictures	XXX	
One greate and two litle pictures	x l	
Vandell Welde [a] Duchman for the pictures of		
xii Emperor*	х .	
One Clase a Duchman for pictures	lxx 	
Two pictures bought of a Duchman	xij	
A litle Duchman for pictures	cclx	
Burlymache for the pictures that came from	c .	
Venyce*	iiij viij	xvij iiij

^{*} The name of Philip Burlamachi occurs frequently in the voluminous and valuable work of Rymer. He was a merchant in Lon-

don, and from his agency for Prince Henry found his way, with Inigo Jones, Vanderdort, and others, into the service of the crown. I have an account before me of Philip Burlamachi "as His Majesty's Agent upon several public employments and occasions," between 1622 and 1628, preserving an item and a name meriting preservation:—

"The Accomptaunte is allowed for money paid to Nichas Laneer His Ma" Servaunte for Provicon of Pictures in the Partes beyond the Seas for his Ma" service by Privy Seal and acquittaunce

xviij vij^{li}. vij^s."

[&]quot;Laniere," says Walpole, "had great share in the purchases made for the royal Collection."—Anec. by Dallaway, vol. ii., p. 270.

[•] Solomon de Caus was drawing-master to Prince Henry.

1 1 16 1 146 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	li.	s,	d.
and a halfe and xlue dayes begonne the 13th			
January 1610, and ended at the feast of			_
St Michael the Archaungel 1612	lxxxviij	ij	vj
Inigoe Jones, Surveyor of the princes			
woorkes for his fee by lres pattentes at			
iij. per diem for xxxvij dayes begonne the			
firste of October 1612 and ended the vjth of			
November followinge		cxj	
To the paymaster of the Woorkes for money			
due to sundry persons for wages materialls			
and other charges of the works at Rich-			
mond, St. James', Woodstocke, and other			
places as appeareath by monthly books sub-			
scribed by Inigoe Jones and Francis Carter,			
Officers of the Works and Moun's de Caus mm	c viii xxviii		x
To Abraham Vander Dorte a drawer of pic-			_
tures pension at l ^{li} . per ann:	1		
The period of the same of the	_		
Of the "Rewardes geven at Christening	ges,"		
Sr Willm Alexander Knight his child, viz to the nu	ırse		
and Midwiefe iiijli., and for plate geven there xjli.			
In all	•	v xj	
The Erle of Argyles childe viz to the Nurse and m		• •	
-	-		•
wiefe vjii. and for plate geven there xljii. xij".	-		:
In all	. XIV	j xij	vj
In the List of "Guyftes and Rewarde	s." the	nan	es
of Owen, Cotgrave, and Coryatt occur.	-,		
of Owen, Congrave, and Coryant occur.			_
Inigoe Jones the Princes Surveyor		li. XXX	•.
Moun ^r du Caus		clvij	
Mr Owen the latyne poett		xxx	
Mr Coryatt*		x	
Rowland Cotgrave presentinge a dictionarye .		x	
A Duche graver sent for		xiij	iiii
17 TATOM P. 101 DOTE 101			J

^{*} Tom Coryatt, whose very name calls up a smile.

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A Ducheman presentinge a law booke					s. XV	d.
One that presented a great dictionarye			•		XX	
Duchemen which came from Rotterdan		Buylo	linges	з.	xxxv	
James Murrey a shippwrighte .					xxv	
A Ffrencheman that made the frontispe	ece of	f the]	Byble		x	
Twoe Ffrenchemen that made sylke			٠.	•	xvj	
Mr Ramsey the Clockemaker .					xj	
The Antidoteman	•				clx	
A Grecyan strawnger					XV	
Ffrenche musycons					XXX	
A Ffrencheman wth balownes and othe	r thir	ages			xx	
Counte Mauryce his Armorer .		٠.			xij	
An Italian Jugler			•		x ij	ij
Jockye of Hampton Courte	•				XXX	•
Redd Andrew		•	•		xij	
Among the "Anuyties and three highly honourable to the			ıs, "	the	ere a	are
Mr Primerose nurse to the prince at	xxx ^{li} .	pr a	nn. fo	or tv	г ое	u.
yeares	•		•			lx
Mr Silvester* at xxli. pr ann. for the sa	ame t	yme		•	•	xl
Mr Drayton a poett for one yeare	•				•	x

"This Losse (alas!) which vato all belongs.

But more then most, to Mee, that had no Prop But Henry's Hand, and, but in Him, no hope.

† To Prince Henry the 'golden mouthed' Drayton consecrates his Polyolbion, as a return (and it is a noble one) for his royal influence on his distressed fortunes. Michael Drayton has a complimentary sonnet to his kinde friend Da Murray.

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^{*} Joshua Sylvester, the poet, who lamented his youthful patron in a funeral elegie overlaid with black, and faced with the fantastic title of Lachrymæ Lachrymarum, or the Distillation of Teares shede for the untymely Death of the Incomparable Prince Panaretus:

Henry died in November, 1612, and the pensions for the year commencing Michaelmas 1612 were recommended for payment, to the Lord Privy Seal and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, by the heads of the Prince's Household and the Auditors of the Accounts.

Also wee humbly offer unto yo' honorable lo. pleasure and consideracon the names of sondrye prsons hereunder menconed whoe by the comaundem^t of the late prince wthout anie graunte in wrytinge were allowed yerelie somes by way of Anuyties or pencons, out of the privie purse of the said late prince, viz: Joshua Siluester poett xx¹. M¹. Drayton a poet x¹. M¹. Owen a poet xx¹. M². Bruce a weaninge nurse to the prince x¹., the wiefe of Doct¹ Martyn xiij¹. vj². viij²., two gentlemen both called James Murray xx¹., Nicholls late keper of S¹. James' parke xiij¹. vj². viij²., Davies housekeeper of Woodstock discharged x¹., Harrys, Wardrober at Woodstock discharged x¹., and Astanio an Italian preacher x¹. Makinge in all

cxxxvj^B. xiij*. iiij*. by the yeare.

D. Murray.

Fra: Goston.

Tho: Chaloner
A. Newton.

Ri: Sutton.
Rich: Connock.

J. Holles.

Mr. Collier has valued the money of the reigns of Elizabeth and James at five times its present value.

I was next attracted to the Privy Purse Expenditure of the Prince's father, where I met with an item or two deserving preservation.

Vyolles, viz one Sett for the Kinge xlⁱⁱ. one other Sett and a base-vyoll for the Prynce xxxijⁱⁱ. lxxijⁱⁱ.

Hawkes four pere at lx*. the pere

xij^{ti}.

Sweete bagges for the Kynges lynnen and sweete water and powder for the bedchamber xxxvji. xiiij. viijd.

Necessaryes provyded and bought by ye gromeporter for the privie

chamber, and chamber of presence, wth flowers and boughes at sondry tymes in the progresse tyme iiij xv". iiij*. viijd.

A canvas pallette for the kinges bedd

ijⁱⁱ. x⁴.

Strawe for the Kinges bedd

xij^{li}. xv*.

Money deliuered to the Kinges Mats owne handes and by his highnes lost at playe on the Twelfth day 1603.

Also allowed to the sayde Accomptante for money by him disbursed and payde by comaundem of the Kinges Matte to dyverse and sondrye p'rsons as well Englishe and Scottes as Straungers by way of Guyftes and Rewardes

"" vij vij lxviij". x".

The Deane of the Chappell in gold for p'rsons to be towched for the Kinges euill ccij". x*.

The Knighte Marshall for sendinge away ydle and loyteringe p'rsons from the Courte xxviij*.

Whenever the book of 'Guyftes and Rewardes' shall be discovered, it is but fair to suppose we shall meet with the name of Shakespeare. The last item refers to men like Richie Moniplies, and his noble master.

I now turned to the Books of Enrolment and found a few documents about the Revels and our old playwrights that had escaped the researches of Malone, of Chalmers, and even of Mr. Collier. Here I discovered a warrant from Queen Elizabeth to pay to Thomas Preston, "o'r Sckoler," a pension of twenty pounds by the year. This I saw was no other than King Cambyses Preston, "who acted so admirably well," says Oldys, "in the tragedy of Dido, before Queen Elizabeth, when she was entertained at Cambridge in 1564, and did so genteelly and gracefully dispute before her, that she

gave him 20li per ann. for so doing."* I copy the warrant to add my testimony to the general accuracy of Oldys:

[Audit Office Enrolments, vol. i., p. 86.]

Elizabeth R. By the Quene.

Trustie and welbeloued we greate you well wheras for the better enterteignment of o'r Sckoler Thomas Preston we haue graunted unto him A pencon of twenty poundes by yere paiable at yo'r handes during o'r pleasuer—Our Will and comaundement is that of o'r Money and Treasoure remayninge and to remayne in yo'r chardge and custodie ye content and paie the saide pencon of twentye poundes by yere duringe o'r pleasuer at twoo usuall termes by equall porcons wherof the firste payment to begyne at the feaste of St. Michaell tharchaengell laste paste. And theis o'r lres shalbe yo'r sufficient warrt and dischardge in that behalfe. Geven under o'r Signet at o'r Mannor of St. James' the xviijth of October the Sixte yere of oure Reigne.

To oure trustie and welbeloued suante

Ex. pr. Honynge.

John Tamworthe Esquier Keper of o'r prie pursse and to the Kep' of the same for the tyme beinge.

This, though of a later date, is far from devoid of interest.

[Audit Office Enrolments, 1660-1673, p. 707.]

These are to pray and require you to pay or cause to be paid unto Pelham Humphryes Master of the Children of His Ma¹⁰ Chapel Royal the sum of Thirty Pounds by the year during His Ma¹⁰ Pleasure for keeping of Thomas Heywood late a Child of the Chapel whose voice is changed and is gone from the Chapel &c. To commence from the 25th day of December last past 1672. And this shall be your Warrant given under my hand this 12th day of April 1673 In the 25th year &c.

To S^r Edward Griffin Kn^t Trea^r of His M^{to} Chamber. St. Alban.

The Heywoods for a century and a half were con-

* MS. Notes on Langbaine.

nected with the stage. This is the last-remembered of the name, and I see little to discountenance the supposition that he was a scion of the stock of Thomas Heywood, the most prolific writer of his age, and one of the best and most successful.

The warrants and orders that follow throw a little light on the rewards received by the masters and yeomen of the revels. Some are from the originals, others from official copies, and all are curious.

[Enrolments, vol. ii., p. 108.]

After Our hearty Commendations-Whereas William Hunning and Edward Kyrkham Officers of the Revells are by these Lettres patent under the great Seale of England to have the use of such houses and lodgings as anciently did belong to either of their places, And whereas upon his Mat' gift of the house of St. Johns to the Lord Aubigny they have been dispossessed of the houses and lodgings formerly appointed to their offices, and by means thereof are forced to provide themselves of others at a yearly rent untill some other places shall be assigned to them for that purpose, and thereupon have been suitors unto us for some such allowaunce in regard of their said houses and lodgings as we in Our discretion should think meet and convenient for them: These are therefore to will and require you to allow unto either of them fifteen pounds by the year in the Accounts of the Master of the Revells to be yearly passed before you in respect of their said houses and lodgings so taken from them as aforesaid by his Mat' said Grant to the lord Aubigny and according to the same rates of fifteen pounds by year to either of them to make allowance unto them for two whole years ended at the feast of All Saints now last past, and the same to continue hereafter until they shall be otherwise provided for by His Highness. And this shall be your Warrant and Discharge in that behalf, from Whitehall the 10th of November 1610.

your very loving friends,

R. Salisbury Jul. Cæsar.

To Our Loving Friends Francis Goston and Richard Sutton Esquires, Auditors of the 'Prests

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[From the Original.*]

After Or hartie comendacons. Whereas heretofore you had had Warrant to allow unto S'. George Buck kt., Master of his Mat' Revells upon his yearely accompt, the somme of Thirty pounds towards the charge and rent of a house as well for the office, as for his owne dwelling, the house of St. Johns where the same was formerly kept, being otherwise disposed of by his Matte. And forasmuch as we understand, that the said S' George Buck, having provided a convenient house for that service, doth pay for the same, twenty pounds a yeare, more than his former allowance. We doe therefore hereby require you to allow unto him upon his next accompt, the somme of Fortie pounds for the surcrease and arrere of two yeares rent ended at Michelmas last; and also, to allow him twenty pounds a yeare, over and above the Thirty pounds before menconed, untill such time, as you shall have direction for the contrary, or that his Matie. shalbe pleased to appoint some other place where the said office of Revells shalbe kept. And for so doing, this shalbe yo' Warrant. From Whitehall the 19th of December 1612.

yor loving freinds

H. Northampton.

E. Zouche.

T. Suffolke. E. Wotton.

Jul. Cæsar.

To O' loving freinds Francis Goston and Richard Sutton Esq^{rs}, his Ma^{ts} Auditors for the Imprest.

[Enrolments, vol. vi., p. 131.]

After my hearty comendacone whereas upon his Math Graunte of the house of S^t. Johns unto the Lord Obigny there was order given for Allowance of fifty pounds by the yeare to bee made unto S^r George Bucke Kn^t. dec^d. Master of His Math Revells to provide himselfe of a convenient howse and office to bee paid in his Accompts to bee

^{*} The official and contemporary copy of this document differs altogether in its spelling from the original. Nothing can shew the unsettled nature of our orthography at that time better than this very trivial circumstance.

yearely passed before you, as by warrants to you in that behalfe doth appeare. And for asmuch as S^r John Ashley Kn^t, succeeding in the place of S^r George Bucke doth as yet provide himselfe of a howse and office at a yearely rent untill some other place shalbee assigned unto him for that purpose and thereupon hath beene an humble suitor unto mee for such allowance as hath been formerly allowed to his predecessors these are therefore to will and require you to allow unto him the sume of fifty pounds by the yeare in his Accompts to bee passed before you for two whole yeares ending at the feast of All Saints last past. And the same to continue yearely hereafter untill hee shalbee otherwise provided for by his Ma^{tte}. Whitehall this last of June 1624.

Yor loueing freind

Rich: Weston.

"To my very loving freinds the Aud" of his Ma" Imprests.

[Enrolments, vol. iii., p. 750.]

After my very hartie commendacons. Whereas the Master and Officers of the Revells, were commaunded by his Maty to beginne theire Attendaunce yearely at the feast of St. Michaell the Archaungell which is above a moneth before their usuall tyme of wayting and demaund allowaunce for three late yeares begining the last of September 1630 and ending the last of October 1632 a moneth sooner than their ordinary tyme of attendaunce. Theis are therefore to pray and require you that for every yeare within the said tyme you give allowaunce to the Master of eight shillings per diem which cometh to twelve pounds. To the Clark Comptroller, Clerk and Yeoman, three pounds sixe shillings and eight pence a yeere which comes to tenne poundes, and to the Groome one pound thirteene shillings fower pence yearely and to contynue the same from tyme to tyme yearely untill you have warraunt to the contrary. And for so doing this shalbe your warraunte. Whitehall the xiith of Feby 1636.

Pembroke Mountgomerie.

To my very loving friends the Auditors of his Mat*. Imprest or any of them whome it may concerne.



INTRODUCTION.

[From the Original,]

Wheras by virtue of his Mate Letters Patent bearing date the 16th of June 1625 made and graunted in confirmation of divers Warrants and priuy Seales unto you formerly directed in the time of o' late Soueraigne Lord King James, you are Authorized (amongst other things) to make payment for Playes acted before his Matte: Theis are to pray and require you out of his Mats Treasure in your charge to pay or cause to bee payd unto John Lowen and Joseph Taylor or either of them for themselves and the rest of the Company of his Mat Players the summe of Two hundred and tenne pounds (beeing after the usuall and accustomed rate of Tenne pounds for each play) for One and Twenty Playes by them acted before his Maty at Hampton Court and elsewhere within the space of a yeere ended in February last: And that you likewise pay unto them the summe of Thirtyepounds more for their paynes in studying and acting the new Play sent from Oxford called The Royall Slaue which in all amounteth to the summe of Two Hundred and Forty Pounds: And thus together wth their Acquittance for the Receipt therof shall bee your Warrt. Whitehall the 12th of March 1636.

Pembroke and Montgomery...

To S' William Uvedale Kn^t. Tr'er of His Mats Chamber.

[From the Original.]

Playes acted before the Kinge and Queene this present yeare of the Lord 1636.

- 1. Easter munday at the Cockpitt the firste parte of Arviragus.*
- 2. Easter tuesday at the Cockpitt the second parte of Arviragus.
- 3. The 4th of Aprill at the Cockpitt the Silent Woman.
- 4. The 5th of May at the Blackfryers for the Queene and the prince Elector—Alfonso.†
 - 5. The 17th of November at Hampton Courte the Coxcombe.
 - 6. The 19th of November at Hampton Court Beggers bush
 - 7. The 29th of November at Hampton Court the Maides Tragedie
 - * By Lodowick Carlell.

† By Chapman.



- 8. The 6th of December at Hampton Court the Loyall Subject.
- 9. The 8th of December at Hampton Court the Moore of Venice
- 10. The 16th of December at Hampton Court Loues Pilgrimage
- 11. St. Stephen's day at Hampton Court the first pte of Arviragus.
- 12. St. Johns day at Hampton Court the second parte of Arviragus.
- 13. The first day of January at Hampton Court Loue and Honor.*
- 14. The 5th of January at Hampton Court the Elder Brother.
- 15. The 10th of January at Hampton Court the Kinge and Noe Kinge
- 16. The 12th of January the new playe from Oxford the Royall Slave.
 - 17. The 17th of January at Hampton Court—Rollo
 - 18. The 24th of January at Hampton Court—Hamlett.
 - 19. The 31st of January at St. James' the tragedie of Cæsar
 - 20. The 9th of February at St. James' the Wife for a Moneth.
 - 21. The 16th of February at S'. James' the Governour.
 - 22. The 21st of February at St. James' Philaster.

[From the Original.]

After my very harty Commendacones—Wheras the Officers of the Revells haue by my commands attended at Hampton Court about his Ma'ts Service these Three last yeares beginning the last of October 1632 and ending the last of October 1635 a month sooner than their ordinary time of Attendance—Theis are therefore to pray and require you That for every yeere within the sayd time you give Allowance to the Mr. of Eight Shillings pr diem which cometh to Twelue pounds: To the Clarke Comptroller, Clarke Yeoman Three pounds six shillings and eight pence a peece which cometh to Tenne pounds: To the Groome One pound thirteene shillings and fower pence which cometh in all to Twenty three pounds thirteene shillings and fower pence yeerly. And for so doeing This shall bee your Warrant. Whitehall the 25th of May 1636.

To my very loueing friends	the
Auditors of his Mats Impr	est,
or any of them, whome it	nay
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Pembroke and Montgomery.

^{*} By Davenant.

[†] By Cartwright.

[Enrolments, vol. i. p. 131.]

After my hearty Comendacone forasmuch as upon consideracon of the warrant of Sr Rich⁴ Weston Kn^t. Chancellor and Under Threa'r of the Exchequer to the late King James whereof the within written is a true Copy: And on perusall of the Accompts of the office of his Mate Revells for severall yeares ended in the yeare 1638 being the last Accompts of that office passed in the time of the late king Charles, It appeares unto mee that the Allowance of fifty pounds pr ann: in the said warrt menconed to bee allowed for the rent of a house to be provided for the said office was continued: And there being applicacon made unto mee by Sr Henry Herbert Kn't now Mar of his Mat Revells for the like Allowance to bee made unto him, there being as yet noe house otherwise provided for that purpose. These are therefore to will and authorize you to make unto the said S' Henry Herbert from time to time the like allowance upon his Accis of the said Office in such manner as the same hath beene formerly made, untill there shalbee a house otherwise provided for the said service. Dated March the 8th 1666.

Ashley.

To my Loueing freinds His Mats Auditors of the Imprests.

[Enrolments, vol. i., p. 132.]

After my hearty comendacone: Whereas the Master and the officers of the Revells were comanded by his Ma^{ty} to begin theire attendance yearely at the feast of S^t. Michaell the Archangell which is aboue a moneth before theire usuall time of waiteing and demand Allowance for sixe late yeares beginning y^e last of October 1660 and ending the last of October 1666. a moneth sooner than theire ordinary time of attendance: These are therefore to pray and require you, that for every yeare within the said time you give Allowance to the Master of Eight Shillings p. diem which comes to twenty foure pounds: To the Clerke-Comptroller, Clerke, and Yeoman, Sixe poundes thirteene shillings and four pence a piece which comes to Twenty pounds, and to the Groome one pound thirteene shillings and fourpence yearely and to continue the same from time to time

vearely untill you have warrant to the contrary. And for soe doing this shalbee yo' warrant. Giuen under my hand this viijth day of March 1666, in the xixth yeare of his Mts Raigne.

E. Manchester.

To my very loueing freinds The Audro of his Mts Imprests.

The extracts that follow are derived from the original Office Books of the Treasurers of the Chamber during a part of the reign of Queen Elizabeth. It is to be regretted that the set is very incomplete, while it is right to add that a few of the payments for Plays were printed before by Chalmers, from the Registers of the Privy Council.

Payde to Rychard Juggo the Q Ma¹⁵ prynter upon her warrunt dated at Grenewich the xxij of July A^o ij^o for certeyn bookes by him deluired to those of the Chappell viz for one Byble of the greate vollume xxvj^o. viij^d. for two lesser Bybles xl^o.

Payde upon the Councelles L're dated at Westm' the xxj daye of Januarye 1560 to the L. Robert Duddeleys playors in way of the Q. reward vj^u. xiij^a. iiij^d. And to Sebastyan Westcott M' of the Children of Polls vj^u. xiij^a. iiij^d. for playing in Christmas before her grace in all xiij^u. vj^o. viij^d.

Payde upon the Counsell's Warraunt dated at Westm' the ixth daye of March 1561 to Sebastyan Westcot M' of the children of Polls for an Entrelude played before the Q. Matie vj^{ii.} xiij*. xiij*. iiijd.

Payde to thentrelude players* viz to John Browne, Edmond Stroodewycke, John Smyth and William Reading euery of them at iij¹¹. vj². viij². per Ann and xxiij². iiij². for their Lyuery Cotes yerely to bee payde quarterly dew unto them for one hole yeare ending at Mychas An² iiij². xviij¹¹.

^{*} These names are not in Mr. Collier's Annals. Smith was the longest liver, and, as their places were never filled up, they may be looked upon as the last of the Court Interlude Players.



Payde to John Bapta Castiglion grome of the preuy Chamber upon the Q. Math warraunt dated at Westm^r the xxviijth of March A^o iiij^o to bee by him deliured over in way of the Queenes Math reward to Alphonso Ferrabosco Italion Musicon the some of xx^h.

Payde to Alphonso Ferrabosco Italyon upon the Q. Math Warraunt dorm dated at Greenwich the xvjth of June A^o iiij^o for his Annuytie of C marks per ann. payable q'rly during pleasure dew for halfe a yere ending at Mychas A^o iiij^o xxxiijth. vijth. viijth.

Payde upon the Q. Ma^u Warraunt dated at Windesor Castle the xxviijth of August 1563 To S' Wylliam Cecill knight, principall Secretarye to bee by him deliuered by waye of her Ma^u reward to a frenchman that brought certeyn books to the Q. Ma^{tie} from one Ronsard a Poet the some of xl french crownes amounting in currant money to xij^u.

Payde to the Earle of Warwicks players by vertue of the Councells Warr dated at Westm^r the xviijth of January 1564 by waye of her Math rewarde for ij playes by them played and presented before her highnes this Christmas the some of xiijth. vjth. viijth.

Payde uppon the Councells L're dated at Westm' the xviijth of January 1564 to Sebastian Westcot M' of the children of Pools for a playe presented by him before the Q. Ma^{ue} the Christmas A^o vijo vjⁱⁱ. xiij*. xiij*. iiij*.

Payd upon the Councells Warrant dated at Westm the ixth of Marche 1564 to Sebastian Westcot M^r of the children of Polls for presenting a play before the Q. Ma^{lle} on Candelmas day last past by waye of her highnes Rewarde vj^{ll}. xiij^s. iiij^d.

Payde upon the Counsells Warrant dated at Westm^r the xth of January 1562 to the players of the Lorde Robt Duddeley and to the M of the children of Polls for playing before the Quenes Ma^{te} in Christmas.

xiij^u. vi^e. viii^d.

Paid upon A bill signed by the lorde Chamberlayne To Willm Hunys M' of the Children of her M' Chappell for xx^{tic} queares and a half of paper royall at ij'. the quere xlj'. and for byndinge the same

into xvij books whereof xiiij at ij. vj. the peece and thre at xx. the peece xi. And for writinge and prickinge ccx sheets in the said xvij books at xij. the sheete xi. x. In all by her Ma especiall order declared by the said bill xvi. xj. xj. vj.

Payde upon a Bill subscribed by M^r Secretarye dated at Hampton Courte the xixth of December 1568 To Nicholas Delatower a Greeke borne w^{ch} broughte unto the Quenes Ma^{te} certayne lres and presented unto her Ma^{te} certayne Bookes w^{ch} he hadd written in Greeke by waye of her Ma^{te} rewarde the some of xij^{tl}. vij^s. viij^d.

Payde upon the Counsayles Warrante dated at Hampton Courte the xxviijth of December 1568 To the Lord Riches playors by waye &c for presenting of a playe before her highnes on S^t Stevens daye at night laste paste

vjⁱⁱ. xiij^{*}. iiij^{*}.

Payde to Sabastyan Westcott M^r of the Childeren of Powles by waye of &c for presentinge a playe before her highnes on New yeres day at night 1568 vj^{ll}. xiij^s. iiij^s.

Payde upon the Counsayles warrante dated at Westm' the xxvth of Februarye 1568 To Richarde Farrant Scole M' to the Childeren of Wyndsor for presenting a playe before the Quenes M^{tle} on Shrove Tewsdaye at nyght laste paste by way of &c vj^{ll}. xiij⁴.

Payde upon the Counsayles Warrante dated at Windsor the ij of Januarye 1569 To Richarde Ferrante Scolem to the Childeren of Wyndsor by waye of &c for presentinge a playe before her highnes this Christmas upon St Johns daye at nighte laste paste

vj^h. xiij*. iiij^d.

Payde upon the Counsayles Warrante dated at Wyndsor vij^o Januarij 1569 To Willm Hunnys M' of the Childeren of her Ma^u Chappell by waye of her M^o rewarde for presentinge a Playe before her Ma^u on Twelfe daye at nyghte laste paste vj^h. xiij^o. xiij^o.

Payde upon the Counsayles warrante dated at Hampton Courte the vijth daye of Februarye 1569 To the Lord Riches playors for presentinge of a Playe before the Quenes Ma^{tie} on Shroue Sondaye at nyghte laste paste by waye of &c vj^h. xiij^o. iiij^d.

Payde upon a bill signed by M^r Secretarye dated at Wyndsor xviij^o Octobris 1569 To Edmonde Spencer* that broughte lres to the Quenes Ma^{ue} from Sir Henrye Norrys knighte her Ma^{te} Embassador in Fraunce beinge then at Towars in the sayde Realme, for his charges the some of vjⁱⁱ. xiij^e. iiij^d. over and besydes ixⁱⁱ. prested to hym by Sir Henrye Norrys

vjⁱⁱ. xiij^e. iiij^d.

Payd upon the Counsayles warrt dated at Wyndsor the xxviijth of November 1569 To Roger Ascham by way of the Quenes Materewarde being sente into the northe abowte her highnes affayres the some of iiij".

Paid upon the Counsaills warrante dated ixo Januar 1574 To Therle of Leicesters players for presentinge of a playe before her heighnes upon Sancte Stephens daie last past xi.

Paid upon the Counsaills warrante dated ix Januarij 1574 To Therle of Leicester his players for presentinge a playe before her Ma^{ue} upon newyeres day at nighte last past.

vj. xiij . iiij .

Paid upon the Counsaills Warrante dated xj° Januarij 1574 To the L. Clintons players by waye of &c. for presentinge a playe before her highnes upon St Johns day last vj". xiij°. iiij⁴. and for presentinge a playe before her Ma"e upon Sonday being the second of Januar 1574 vj". xiij⁴. iiij⁴.

Paid upon the Counsaill Warrt dated at Hampton Courte the

There is no difficulty, I presume, in supposing that the poet went abroad in a Cambridge vacation, and returned, carrying letters to the court from Sir Henry Norrys.

^{*} Spenser, the poet, was entered a sizer of Pembroke Hall, Cambridge, on the 20th May, 1569, five months before the date of the Council's Warrant. As this is the only mention I have found of an Edmund Spencer in the different books of account that I have gone through of the reign of Elizabeth, the name is not a common one, and I confess an inclination to believe that I have here discovered a notice of our great poet, who is, after Shakespeare, the most interesting name in the Elizabethan series, and of whom we know even less than we do of Shakespeare:—"How little's that!"

xxiij^d Januar 1574 to Richard Farrante M^r of the Children of the Chappell of Windsor for presentinge a play before her Ma^{de} upon Twelfe Nighte last paste

xiij^a. vij^a. viij^a.

Paide upon the Counsaills Warrante dated xvj Feb. 1574 To Sebastian Westecote M' of the Children of Powles for presentinge a playe before her Ma^{tie} on Candlemes day at night last past

xiij". vj•. viijd.

Paid upon the Counsaills Warrante dated at Richmond xvj Febr 1574 To therle of Warwicks players by way of her heighnes rewarde for presentinge a playe before her Ma^{tte} on Shrovemonday last past x¹.

Paid upon the Counsailes Warrante dated at Richemond xvj Febr 1574 To Willim Hunys M^r of the Children of her Ma^{ts} Chapple the some of xx^{ts} m'ks as her M^{ts} guifte for presentinge a playe before her heighnes upon Shrovesondaye last past xiij^{ts}. vj^s. viij^d.

Paid uppon a warrant signed by M' Secretaire Walsingham dated at Hampton Court xxj° Novembr 1576 to George Gascoigne gent* for bringinge of Lr'es in post for her Ma^{des} affaires frome Andwarpe to Hampton Courte.

Paid uppon a warrant signed by Mr Secretarie Walsingham dated at Hampton Courte 16 January 1576 To Thomas Churcheyarde gent for carying of Lres in post for her Ma^{tles} affaires to Mr Edward Horsey and Mr doctor Wilson in the Lowe Contries thone beinge at Marshe in Luxemburghe and the other at Bruxells or els where xviij¹¹.

Paid to Thomas Churcheyarde uppon a Warrante signed by M^r Secretarie Walsingham dated at Whitehall ij^o Aprilis 1577 for bringinge of L'res in post for her Math affaires from M^r doctor Wilson

^{*} The poet, who died at Stamford on the 7th of October, 1577. In one of Gascoigne's MSS. in the Museum, he says: "Such Italian as I have learned in London, and such Latin as I forgatt att Cantabridge, such Frenche as I borrowed in Holland, and such English as I stale in Westmerland, even such and no better have I here poured forth."



presentlie for the like affaires in the Lowe Contries he beinge then at Bruxells to the Courte at Whitehall xij^h.

Paid to Lawrance Dutton and John Dutton her Ma^{ts} players and their Companie upon the Counsells Warr of 7 March 1590 for fower seuerall Enterludes or playes shewed and presented before her Ma^{ts} at the Courte on S^t Steuens day, the Sonday after Newyeres daye Twelueth day and Shroue Sondaye last xxvj¹¹. xiij¹. iiij¹ and by waie of her Ma^{ts} further liberalitie and rewarde for the said Enterludes xiij¹¹. vj¹². viij¹.

Paid to John Laneham and his company her Ma^{ts} players * upon the Counsells Warr^t dated 7 March 1590 for shewinge and presentinge one Enterlude or playe before her Ma^{ts} on Newe yeres day last past the some of vj^t. xiij^t. iiij^d. And by way of her Ma^{ts} further liberalitie and reward for the said playe the some of lxvj^t. viij^d. in all x^{ti}.

Paid to John Heming and Thomas Pope † servaunts unto the Lo Chamberlein uppon the Councells Warrant dated at the Courte at Nonesuch ijo die Octobrs 1599 for three interludes or playes played before her Ma^{ue} on St Stephens daye at night, Newyears daye at night, and Shroutewsday at night last past yo some of xx^u, and to them more by waye of her Ma^{ue} rewarde yo some of x^u. In all xxx^u.

Paid to John Heming servaunt to the Lo Chamberlein uppon the Councells Warrant dated at the Courte at Richmond 17 Febr 1599

^{*} It is evident from this and the former entry, that there were two distinct companies of "her Matter poor Players." Lancham had been one of Lord Leicester's servants; the Duttons were among Lord Warwick's servants.

[†] In 1596, the order in which the servants of the Lord Chamberlain are named is as follows: Pope, Burbage, Hemings, Philips, Shake-speare — in May 1603, Fletcher, Shakespeare, Burbage, Phillips, Hemings, Condell, Sly, Armyn, and Cowley. Pope had previously retired, and, as he died in 1603, Shakespeare (to try and account for his position), may have bought his share. Fletcher died in 1608, leaving Shakespeare, in all likelihood, at the head of the company. Collier (i. 319) supposes that Hemings was at the head of the company in 1600. I believe that he was never at the head, but that he acted throughout as treasurer:

for three interludes or playes played before her Ma^{ile} on S^t Stephens daye at night, Twelfdaye at night and Shrouesonday at night last past

xxx^{il}.

To Robert Shaw servaunt to therle of Nottingham upon the Councells Warraunt dated at the Courte at Richmond 18 Febr 1599 for Twoe Enterludes or Playes playd before her Ma^{tte} on S^t. Johnes daye at night and Newyeares daye at night last xx^{ll}.

To John Heminge and Thomas Pope servaunts unto the Lord Chamberleyne upon the Councells Warraunt dated at the Court at Nonesuch 2 October 1599 for three Enterludes or Playes played before her Ma^{te} upon S^t Stevens day at night, Newyeares day at night, and Shrouetewsday at night last past xx^{ll}. and to them more by waye of her Ma^{ts} reward x^{ll}. In all

To John Hemynges and Richard Cowley servauntes to the lord Chamberleyne upon the Councells Warr^t dated at Whitehall 31 March 1601 for three playes showed before her highnes on S^t Stephens day at night, Twelfth day at night and Shrovetuesday at night

To Edwarde Allen servante to the Lord Admyrall upon the Councells Warraunte dated at Whitehall 31st March 1601 for three playes shewed before her Matte viz On Innocents day at night, Twelfth day at night, and Candelmas day at night last paste*

To Nathaniell Gyles M^r of the Children of the Chappell uppon the Councells Warraunte dated at Whitehall 4 May 1601 for a play presented before her Ma^{te} on Shrouesondaye at night x^u, and for a showe wth musycke and speciall songes prepared for y^e purpose on Twelfth day at night c^s, in all xv^u.

^{*} In Henslowe's Diary is the following entry: "Rec. of M. E. Alleyn, the 4 of Maye 1601, the somme of twenty eight pounds and ten shillings, which he received at the Corte for ther Cort money for playing ther at Cryssmas, which was dewe unto the Earle of Notinghames players, 281. 10s."—Collier's Annals, i., 319. The difference may have been paid by Alleyn for fees, or retained as his own share.

To John Hemynges and the rest of his Companies servaunts to the lorde Chamberleyne uppon the Councells Warraunte dated at Whitehall the xxth of Aprill 1603 for their paines and expences in presentinge before the late Queenes Ma^{te} twoe playes the one uppon S^t Stephens day at nighte and thother upon Candlemas day at night for each of which they were allowed by way of her Ma^{ts} rewarde tenne poundes amounting in all to

To Edwarde Allen serrvaunte to the lorde Admyrall and the rest of his Companie upon the Councells warraunte dated at Whitehall 22nd April 1603 for their paynes and expences in presentinge before her late Ma^{tle} three severall playes viz upon S^t Johns day at night, Shrouesonday at night and ———— at nighte last before the date aforesaide after x^{tl}. for ech play by way of her highnes rewarde as hath bene accostomed

Nothing can paint King James's love for stage performances and the drama in general better or more honourably than the following extracts, which are wholly new to our dramatic history. I have interspersed several other payments from the same accounts (*Treas: of the Chamber*), which I hope mingle not inappropriately with the stage illustrations. The new king saw five times as many plays in a year as Queen Elizabeth was accustomed to see.

To John Hemyngs one of his Matte players uppon the Councells warrant dated at the Courte at Wilton 3 December 1603 for the paynes and expences of himselfe and the rest of his Companye in comynge from Mortelacke in the Countie of Surrie unto the Courte aforesaide and there presentinge before his Matte one playe on the second of December last by waye of his Matter reward

xxx¹.*

To Nicholas Hyllyard his Matte Lymner uppon the Councells war-

[•] This is a very interesting entry: the first play that the king saw in England was performed by Shakespeare's company, in Lord Pembroke's house at Wilton.

rant dated at the Courte at Hampton Courte 28 December 1603 for his paynes and travell beinge appoynted by direction to make certayne pictures of his Ma^{ttee} w^{ch} were by his highnes given unto the Duke of Denmark Embassador xix¹¹, x².

To John Hemynges one of his Matter players uppon the Councells Warrant dated at Hampton Courte 18 January 1603[4] for the paynes and expences of himselfe and the rest of his Companye in presentinge of sixe interludes or playes before the kings Matter and the prince viz on St Stephens daye at night, St Johns daye at night, Innocents daye and Newyeres daye at night before the kings matter for each of the sayde playes twentie nobles apeece and to them by waye of his Matter rewarde fyve m'rks and for twoe playes before the prince on the xxxth of December and the firste of January 1603 twentye nobles apeece in all amountinge to the some of

To Richard Burbadg one of his Matter Comedyans uppon the Councells Warrant dated at Hampton Courte 8 Febr. 1603[4] for the mayntenance and reliefe of himselfe and the reste of his Companye beinge prohibited to present anie playes publiquelie in or neere London by reason of greate perill that might growe through the extraordinarie concourse and assemblie of people to a newe increase of the plague till it shall please God to settle the Cyttie in a more perfect health: by waye of his Matter free gifte

To Edward Allen and Edward Jubie twoe of the princes players upon the Councells Warrant dated at the Courte at Whitehall 19 Febr. 1603[4] for the paynes and expenses of themselves and the rest of their companie in presentinge fower playes before his Ma^{tie} and the prince viz for one playe before the kings Ma^{tie} on the xxjth of Januarie last at night twentie nobles and by Waye of his Ma^{ties} reward fyve marks and for three before the prince on the fourth the fifteenth and twoe and twentieth of Januarie twentie nobles for each in all xxx¹¹.

To John Duke on of the Queenes M^{nes} players upon the Councells Warrant dated at the Courte at Whitehall 19 Febr 1603[4] for the paynes and expences of himselfe and the reste of his companye for twoe interludes or playes presented by them before the Prince his

Grace on the Second and xiijth dayes of Januarie last at night for each play twentie nobles—in all xiijh. vjs. viijd.

To John Hemyng one of his Matter players upon the Councells Warrant dated at the Courte at Whitehall ultimo die Februar 1603[4] for himselfe and the rest of his Companye for twoe playes presented before his Matter viz the one on Candlemas day at night and the other on Shrouesonday at night the some of xiij¹¹. vj². viij³. and by waye of his Matter rewarde for the same twoe playes vj¹¹. xiij³. iiij³. In all xx¹¹.

To John Hemynges one of his Ma^{to} players uppon the Councells Warraunte dated at the Courte at Whitehall 21 January 1604 for the paines and expences of himselfe and the reste of his Companie in playinge and presentinge of sixe Enterludes or plaies before his Ma^{ue} viz on all Saintes day at nighte, the Sonday at nighte followinge beinge the 4th of November 1604, St Stephens daie at nighte, Innocents day at nighte and on the vijth and viijth daies of January for everie of the saide plaies accordinge to the usuall allowaunce of vj^u. xiij^e. iiij^d. the pece xl^u. and lxvj^e. viij^d. for every plaie by waie of his Ma^{ue} rewarde xx^u. in all

To John Duke one of the Queenes Math players by warrant of 19 Febr. 1604 for presenting one Interlude or Plaie before his Math on Sunday night the 30th of December vjth. xiijth. iiijth. and to them by waie of his Math rewarde lxvjth. viijth. in all

To Edward Jubye one of the Princes plaiers upon warrant dated 22 Febr: 1604 for presentinge sixe Interludes or plaies before the Prince at the Courte these severall nightes viz on the 14th and 19th December 1604 the 15th and 22nd January and the 5th and 19th of February nexte followinge after the rate of vj⁸. xiij⁵. iiij^d. for every plaie

To Samuell Danyell and Henry Evans upon the Councells Warraunte dated at the Courte at Whitehall 24 February 1604 for twoe Enterludes or plaies presented before the Kinges Ma^{te} by the Quenes Ma^{te} Children of the Revells the one on Newyeres day at night 1604 and the other on the thirde day of Januarye at nighte nexte followinge xiij¹¹. vj². viij⁴ and by waie of his highnes rewarde vj¹¹ xiij⁴. In all

To John Hemynge one of his Ma^{tes} players upon warrant dated 24th February 1604 for himselfe and the reste of his Companie for 4 Interludes or plaies presented by them before his Ma^{tes} at the Courte viz on Candlemas daye at night, on Shrouesunday at night, Shrouemonday at night and Shrouetuesday at nighte 1604 at vj¹¹. xiij⁴. iiij⁴. for everie plaie and lxvj⁵. viij⁴. by waie of his Ma^{tes} rewarde for ech playe In all

To the same John Hemynges upon Warrant dated 28th April 1605 for one enterlude or plaie presented before his Ma^{de} at y^e Courte the thirde of February 1604 vj^{ll}. xiij^e. iiij^d. and to them more by way of his Ma^{te} rewarde lxvj^e. viij^d. In all x^{ll}.

To Edward Jubic to the use of himself and the reste of his Companie servants to the prince upon the Councells warrant dated at Whitehall 17 April 1604 for one Enterlude or playe presented by them before his Ma^{tic} on Shrouemondaye at nighte the some of twentie nobles and by waye of his Ma^{tics} rewarde fyve marks in all x^{ti}.

To Phillipp Henslowe upon the Councells Warrant dated at the Courte at Whitehall 18 April 1604 by way of his Ma^{ties} reward to him and his servaunts in bringinge and presentinge before his Ma^{tie} at Whitehall the game of Bearebaytinge upon Shrovetuesday c*.

To Edward Kirkham M^r of the Children of the Queenes Ma^{ues} Revells upon the Councells Warrant dated at the Courte at Whitehall 30 April 1604 for one Enterlude or play presented by the sayde children before his Ma^{ue} uppon Shrouetuesdaye last at night x^{ll}.

To Alphonson Ferrabosco upon the Councells Warraunte dated at the Courte at Whitehall 27 November 1604 to be by him bestowed and laide out in buyinge twoe violls wth cases and one boxe of stringes for the use and service of the Prince

To Edward Jubie one of the Princes Plaiers upon the Councells Warrant dated at the Courte at Whitehall 10th December 1604 for himselfe and the rest of his Companie for presentinge twoe pliaes one before the Queenes Ma^{tle} the 23rd November 1604 and the other before the Prince the 24th of November xvj^{II}. xiij^a. iiij^d.



To John Hemynges one of his Ma^{to} players upon Warrant dated 24 March 1605 for presenting tenn severall playes or enterludes before his Ma^{tic} in the tyme of Christmas laste and since after the rate of twentie nobles for everie play and by way of his Ma^{to} rewarde fyve markes in all

To Nathaniell Gyles upon his Ma^{ts} Warraunte of 3 July 1605 beinge monie geuen to himselfe and the rest of the gent of his Ma^{ts} Chapple by waie of his Ma^{ts} guifte towardes their feaste as likewise hath bein geuen in former yeares lx^s.

To Edward Kerkham one of the M¹³ of the Children of Pawles upon warrant dated 31 March 1606 for bringing the said children and presenting by them twoe playes or Enterludes before the prince his Grace and the Duke of Yorke after the rate of fyve m'kes for ech play and by way of his Ma¹⁴ reward fyve nobles In all

xvjli. xiijs. iiijd.

To John Duke one of the Queenes Ma^{ts} players upon Warrant dated 30 April 1606 for presentinge one play or Comodie before his Ma^{tie} upon S^t. Johns day at night c^s. and by way of his highnes rewarde lxvj^s. viij^d. In all viij^{li}. vj^s. viij^d.

To Edward Jubie one of the Princes players upon Warrant dated 30 April 1606 for presenting sixe severall playes in the tyme of Christmas laste and since, three before the King and three before the prince for everie of the sayde playes c^s. the pece and by waye of his M^{ts} rewarde lxvj^s. viij^d. for ech of them in all

To John Hemynges one of his M^{to} players upon Warrant dated 18th October 1606 for three playes before his Ma^{tie} and the kinge of Denmarke twoe of them at Grenewich and one at Hampton Courte xxx^{li}.

To John Hemynges one of his Maties players upon Warrant dated 8 February 1607 for xiij plaies presented by them before his M^{tie} at the Court at Whitehall viz on S^t Stephens night, S^t Johns night, Childermas night, the second of January, Twelfnight two plaies, the

seaventh of January, the ninth of January, the xvijth of January two plaies, the xxvjth of January, Candlemas night, and Shrovesunday at night cxxx^{li}.

To John Hemynges one of his Mass players upon warrant dated 30th March 1607 for nyne playes presented before his highness the 26th and 29th of December 1606, the 4th the 6th and the 8th of Januarie, the 2nd the 5th the 15th and the 27 February iiij x^{ll}.

To Edward Juby one of the Princes players upon warrant dated 8 May 1608 for 4 playes presented before his Ma^{tie} and the Prince at Whitehall in November December and January xlii.

To John Hemynges one of his Mats plaiers upon warrant dated 5th April 1609 for twelue plaies by him and the reste of his company presented before the King, Queene, Prince and Duke of Yorke at severall tymes in Christmas 1608 cxx¹.

To Edward Jubye one of the Princes players upon warrant dated 5th April 1609 for three playes by him and the reste of his Companie presented before the kings Ma^{tie} and the prince on severall nights

**xxⁱⁱ.

To John Hemynges one of his Mate players upon the Councells Warraunte dated 26th April 1609 in the behalfe of himselfe and the reste of his Companie by waie of his Mate rewarde for their private practise in the time of infeccon that thereby they might be inhabled to perform their service before his Matie in Christmas hollydaie 1609

To Inico Jones uppon therle of Salisburies warraunte dated 16 June 1609 for carreinge of Lres for his Mats servyce into Fraunce xiiji. vjs. viijd.

To Henry Reynoldes upon the Councells Warrant of 10 Nov^r 1609 for chardges disbursed by him for the buriall of S^r George Wharton and S^r James Steward at Islington xxx^{ll}. xv^s.*

^{*} See Scott's Minstrelsy for the ballad on the fatal duel fought at Islington, between Wharton and Stewart, on the 8th of November, 1609. The ballad says that they fought near Waltham. It was in



To John Heminges upon the Councells Warraunt 10 March-1609[10] for himselfe and the rest of his companie being restrained from Publique playing within the cyttie of London in the tyme of infection during the space of sixe weekes in which tyme they practised privately for his Ma²⁸ service

To John Hemynges one of the kinges players upon the Councells warr^t dated 12 February 1610 for presentinge xv^{en} playes before the kinge the quene and the prynce clⁱⁱ.

To Thomas Grene one of the Quenes players upon the Councells Warrante dated 18th March 1610 for three seuerall playes before the Kinges Ma^{tio} and the prince xxx^{li}.

To Edwarde Jubye one of the princes players upon Warrant dated 20 March 1610[11] to fower playes presented before his Ma^{tie} by that Companye xlⁱⁱ.

To Alexander Foster upon a Warrant dated 1 April 1612 for himselfe and his fellowes the Lady Elizabeths servauntes and players for presenting one play before his Ma^{ty} on Shrovetewsday laste at night called the prowde Mayde* viz twenty nobles and five marks for Reward

To the said Alexander Foster upon a lyke warrant of a lyke date for himself and his said fellowes for presenting twoe severall plaies before the Princes grace and the said Lady Elizabeth in January and March last past at twenty nobles a play

xiij¹¹. vij². viij⁴.

To John Heminges for himselfe and his fellowes upon a Warrant dated 1 June 1612 for presenting vj severall Playes before his Ma^{ty} viz one upon the laste of October one upon the first of November

the fields at Hoxton that Ben Jonson killed in a duel Gabriel Spenser, the player. I find entries of several payments made to this Henry Reynolds in the accounts of the Treasurer of the Chambers. I believe him to be the Henry Reynolds to whom Drayton addresses his admirable "Epistle on Poets and Poesie."

[•] That is, "The Maid's Tragedy," by Beaumont and Fletcher, see p. 211.

one on the 5th of Nov^r one on the 26th Dec^r one on the 5th of January and one other upon Shrovesunday at night being the 23rd of February viz at twenty nobles for every play and five markes for a Reward for every play

To the said John Hemynges upon a lyke warrant of a lyke date (1 June 1612) for himselfe and his fellowes for presenting twelve severall Plaies before the Princes highnes and the Duke of Yorke one upon the 9th of Nov^r last one upon the 19th of the same one other upon the 16th of December one other upon the last of the same one other upon the 7th of January one upon the 15th of the same one other upon the 19th of February one upon the 20th of the same one upon the 28th of February one upon the 3rd of April and another upon the 16th of the same at xx^{tie} nobles a play

To the said John Hemynges upon a lyke Warrant of a lyke date (1 June 1612) for himself and his fellowes for presenting fower plaies before the Princes highnes the Lady Eliz and the Duke of Yorke viz one on the 9th of February last one other before the Prince the 20th of the same one other before the Lady Eliz the 28th of Marche and one on the 26th of Aprill after the said rate

xxvj^{li}. xiij^s. iiij^d.

To Thomas Greene for himselfe and his fellowes the Queenes Ma^{ts} servauntes upon a Warrant of 18th June 1612 for presenting two severall plaies before the Kinge and Queenes Ma^{ty} viz one upon the 27th of December last and the other upon the 2nd of February following at 20 nobles the play and vjⁱⁱ. xiij^s. iiij^d: in reward xxⁱⁱ.

To the said Thomas Greene for himselfe and his fellowes upon a Warrant of lyke date for presenting twoe severall plaies before the Princes highnes and the Lady Elizabeth viz one 16th of January laste and the other upon the 23rd of the same at 20 nobles the play xiiji. vij. viijd.

To Edward Juby for himselfe and his fellowes the Princes highnes Servants upon a warrant dated 18 June 1612 for presenting twoe severall plaies before his Ma^{ty} upon the 28th and 29th of December last at 20 nobles each play and five nobles for a reward for each play



To the said Edward Juby upon Warrant of lyke date &c. for presenting twoe severall plaies before the Princes highnes viz upon the 5th and 29th of February laste at 20 nobles a play xiij^{li}. vj^s. viij^d.

To William Rowley upon the Councells Warraunte dated 20 June 1612 for himselfe and the rest of his fellows the Duke of Yorkes servaunts as players for presenting fower severall plaies before the Princes highnes the said duke of Yorke and the Lady Elizabeth viz upon the 12th January 1611 one, upon the 28th of January one, upon the 13th of February one, and upon the 18th of the same moneth one after the rate of twenty nobles a play

xxvjii. xiijs. iiijd.

To the said William Rowley upon the lyke warraunte dated 20 January 1612 for himself and the rest of his saide fellowes for presentinge fower severall playes before the Princes Highnes the Duke of Yorke and the Lady Elizabeth, one upon the 9th of February 1609, one upon the 12th December 1610, one upon the 20th of the same and one upon the xvth of January 1610 xxvj¹¹. xiij¹. iiij⁴.

To Thomas Derry her Ma¹⁸ Jester upon a warraunt signed by the Lord Chamberleyn dated at Whitehall 16 July 1612 for the dyett of the said Thomas Derry and John Mawe his man from the 25th day of December 1611 to the 24th of June following being 26 weekes at vij⁸. the weeke

To Philip Rosseter upon a warrant dated the 24th of Nov^r 1612 for presenting a play by the Children of the Chapple before the Prince, the lady Elizabeth and the Prince Palatyne vj^h. xiij^s. iiij^d.

To him more upon a warrant dated the 31st May 1613 for presenting before them two other playes by the Children of the Chappell xiij^u. vij^u. viij^d.

To Edward Jubye upon warrant dated 31 March 1613 for presenting a play by himself and his fellowes the Prince Palatynes Servants before the Lady Elizabeth vjⁱⁱ. xiij^a. iiij^a.

To John Heminges upon the Lord Chamberleynes Warraunt dated

19th May 1613 for eighte seuerall playes before his Ma^{tie}

iiijⁱⁱ.

To William Rowley upon the Councells Warrt dated the 7th of

June 1613 for himselfe and the reste of his fellowes the Princes Servaunts for presenting twoe severall playes before his highnes the Count Palatyne and the Ladye Elizabeth xiijh. vjs. viijd.

To Joseph Taylor upon the Councells Warrant dated the 28th of June 1613 for himselfe and his fellowes the Lady Elizabeth her servantes for presenting twee Playes before the Prynce the Count Palatyne and the ladye Elizabeth

xiij¹. vj². viij⁴.

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To John Hemynges upon a Warrant dated the 9th of July 1613 &c. for presentinge a playe before the Duke of Savoyes Ambassadors on the 8th of June 1613—vj^{ll}. xiij^s. iiij^d. To him more upon a warrant dated the 20th May 1613 fo^z presentinge fourtene severall playes before the Prince, the ladye Elizabeth and the Prince Palatyne xx iiij xiij^{ll}. vj^s. viij^d. To the said John Heminges upon a warrant of the same date for presenting sexe seuerall playes before the Kinges Ma^{lls} xl^{ll}. and by waye of his Ma^{lls} rewarde xx^{ll}.

To Cyrill Turner* upon a warraunte signed by the Lord Chamberleyne and M^r Chauncellor dated at Whitehall 23rd December 1613 for his chardges and paines in carrying l'res for his Ma^{ts} service to Brussells

x^{li}.

To John Hemynges &c upon warrant dated 21 June 1614 for presentinge seaven severall playes before the Princes highnes viz on the 4th of Nov¹ the 16th of Nov¹ the 10th of January the 4th of February the 8th the 10th and the 18th of the same moneth 1614 xlvj¹¹. xiij¹: xiij¹:

To the said John Heminges upon a lyke warraunt of a lyke date for presenting before his Ma^{ty} nyne severall playes in Nov^T Dec^T Jan^y

Feb^y and March 1614

iiij x^u.

To Robte Lee and the reste of his fellowes the Queenes Mats Servauntes the players upon the Councells Warraunte dated at Whitehall 21 June 1614 for theire paines in presenting before his Mats twoe plaies on the 28th of December and the 5th of January xx.

^{*} Cyril Tourneur, the dramatist, of whom we know nothing more than the fact of his writing certain plays, which have come down to us with his name upon their title-pages.



To Joseph Taylor for himselfe and the reste of his fellowes servauntes to the Lady Eliz her grace upon the Councells Warraunt dated at Whitehall 21 June 1614 for presenting before his Ma^{ty} a Comedy called Eastward Howe on the xxvth of January last past—vjⁿ. xiij^s. iiij^d. and by way of his Ma^{ts} reward lxvj^s. viij^d. In all xⁿ. To him more upon a lyke warraunt of a lyke date for presenting before the Princes Highnes a Comedy called the Dutch Curtezan^{*} on the 12th of December last paste vjⁿ. xiij^s. iiij^d.

To Richard Ansell Matteyer to his Ma^{ty} upon Warrant dated 22 June 1614 for his paines and chardges in nayling downe the greene clothe in the Banquetting House at severall times for the Maske performed before his Ma^{ty} at Christmas last past viij^u. ix^u. iiij^d.

To Nichas Hilliarde upon the Lorde Chamberleynes warraunte dated 31 Jany 1614[15] for a picture of the Prince in lynnen drawen to the waste with a riche christall thereon and deliuered to M^r Murray his highnes Tutor viij^a.

To Nathan Feilde † in the behalfe of himselfe and the rest of his fellows upon the Lord Chamberleynes Warraunt dated 11 June 1615 for presenting a playe called Bartholomewe Fayre before his Ma^{tte} on the first of November last past

To John Townsend and Joseph Moore; Stage Players upon the Councells warraunte dated at Whitehall 11 July 1617 for acting three severall playes before his Ma^{tye} in his Jorney towardes Scotland at the ordinary rates formerly allowed xxx¹¹.

^{*} By Marston.

[†] Ben Jonson's Bartholomew Fair was produced at the Hope Theatre, on the 31st of October, 1614, and acted, as the above extract now informs us, at the Court on the next day. The players were the Lady Elizabeth's servants. There is a compliment paid to Field in the play, which this entry serves in some measure to explain.

[‡] See Collier s "Annals of the Stage" (i. 407), where a notice of this payment from the Privy Council Register occurs. The above supplies us with the players' names, which Mr. Collier's extract is without.

To John Heminges &c upon a warrant dated 20 April 1618 for presenting two severall Playes before his Ma^{to}, on Easter Monday Twelfte night the play soe called and on Easter Tuesday the Winter's Tale xx¹¹. To the said John Heminges upon a Warrant dated 15 May 1618 for presenting before his Ma^{to} the thirde of May the Merry Divell of Edmonton

To Inigo Jones upon the Councells Warr^t dated 27 June 1619 for making two several models the one for the Star Chamber, the other for the Banquetting House xxxvij^u.

The discovery of these papers sharpened my desire to discover more; and I sought in dry repositories, damp cellars, and still damper vaults, for books of account, for warrants, and for receipts. I had gone by this time through the Rolls of Accounts, from the reign of Henry VIII. to the end of that of King Charles I., but found little in them to satisfy, but much to provoke inquiry. I was told again and again that, if there were any old papers in the office of the reigns I sought for that were not Declared Accounts, they were there by accident, and that no Board ever recognized the existence of official vouchers and Books of Account so far back as the reigns I referred to; while a few recollected, and all had heard of, the cart-loads of old papers burnt in Tothill Fields on the removal of the office from Whitehall to Somerset House.

The Rolls of the Revels' Accounts had been made, I found, by clerks who had no prophetic feeling of the interest future ages would take in the books they were so elaborately abridging. The number of plays performed in the year was always given, but not a title or a dramatic name, or any thing beyond the mere pounds, shil-

lings, and pence of the matter could I find to gratify or repay me. All that had been kept was, comparatively speaking, of little use.

It was at this time I had the good fortune to redeem from a destructive oblivion a bundle of the Original Accounts of the Masters of the Revels, those that Malone had sought so long for, and had seen at last by the kindness of Sir William Musgrave, an old commissioner of Audit, and from which he had made the extracts that Boswell has printed in his edition of Shakespeare.

These, however, left off at a time the most interesting in all our literary annals. There was as yet nothing about Shakespeare — nothing to destroy conjectures advanced by commentators on the chronology of his plays — conjectures that no one believed, yet no one could gainsay — the idlest of all kinds of suppositions that every fresh fact has only served to upset.

Malone, with all his industry and unsatisfied thirst for research, was very far from an accurate transcriber of what he had before him. He seems always to have been in a hurry of transcription, and, in this speed, to have run too hastily over entries of more importance than very many of those he had already extracted. In doing much he still left much to do; and, where a Collier would leave little or nothing to glean, Malone has left a harvest. His eyes are said to have been weak towards the last, and in that rests his excuse. To his industry, however, the admirers of Shakespeare are vastly indebted; and, while we condemn his occasional inaccuracies and his haste, let us imitate him in his honest

industry and perseverance, and a portion of his success will be no bad reward.*

My last discovery was my most interesting; and alighting as I now did upon two official books of the Revels—one of Tylney's and one of Buc's—which had escaped both Musgrave and Malone, I at last found something about Shakespeare—something that was new, and something that was definitive. This was my little Guanahana, but here I was destined to stop, for no other books of the Revels have I as yet succeeded in finding among the scattered papers of the old Auditors of the Imprests. We owe these two to accident, and it is not too fanciful to suppose that chance may yet lead to the discovery of other books connected with Shakespeare's two and twenty years' 'traffic' with the stage. I am not without hope on this subject, and that it may be my lot to find them even in the office I am now in.

"The Office of ye Revells consistethe," says Tylney, "of a Wardropp and other several Roomes, for Artifficers to worke in, viz Taylors, Imbrotherers, Propertimakers, Paynters, Wyerdrawers and Carpenters, togeather with a convenient place for ye Rehearsalls and set-

^{*} Some of the errors in Malone's extracts, as printed by Boswell, are truly absurd. I shall note a few, for the amusement of the general reader. "Flavor and paste with a pelt for the same" (vol. iii., p. 376), turns out to be "flower and paste with a pott for the same." "Holly and Jug for the play of Predor" (p. 377), is, in the original, "Holly and Ivye;" and "tutors and x Italian woman," &c. (p. 379), is, in the MS.. "an Italian woman." For "x furre poles to make nayles," at p. 401, read rayles; and for "ix tilles with copartments" (p. 404), read "ix titles." I could point out others, but I have perhaps instanced enough.

tinge forthe of Playes and other Showes for those Services."*

The first Master of the Revels, Sir Thomas Cawerden, was made in the year 1546, while William Poulet, Lord St. John of Basing, was Lord Chamberlain. Sir Thomas died on the 20th August, 1560. On the 12th January, 1559-60, Sir Thomas Benger was appointed in his stead; and, at Benger's death, in March, 1577, his place was temporarily supplied by Thomas Blagrave, till Edmund Tylney was nominated as his successor (24th July, 1579). Lyly, the poet, had been a petitioner for the reversion of the office on Benger's death, and Mr. Collier thinks that his claim might have connection with the delay in Tylney's appointment.

In October, 1610, Tylney died at Leatherhead in Surrey, and Sir George Buc, or Buck, the historian, became the new master. On the 3rd of April, 1612, Sir John Astley obtained a reversionary grant of the office; and on the 5th of October, 1621, a second reversion was granted to Ben Jonson. Astley, however, outlived him.

On the 22nd May, 1622, Buck, ill and infirm, was superseded by Sir John Astley, who held the situation for the short space of two years, and, before the death

* Mr. Tilney's writing touching his office, Lansdowne MSS. 136, fo. 358. The office was held and the clothes kept at the old hospital of St. John's of Jerusalem, but, on the gift by King James in 1611 of the house to the Lord Aubigny, the Revels Office removed to St. Peter's Hill. I have before me an old account, where a charge is made of "vj". for glasinge the windowes of St. Johns Hall where the Rehersalls be made."— (Revels Account from 1 Nov. 1583 to last of October 1584.)

of Sir George Buck, 20th September, 1623, had appointed Sir Henry Herbert his deputy.

The appointment on Herbert's part was a purchase, but the terms of the purchase have hitherto escaped research. I find the indenture, however, among the enrolments in the Audit Office, and there it appears that Astley constituted Herbert his deputy upon the payment of £150 a year, insured upon the conveyance of lands to the value of £200 a year. The date of the indenture is 20th July, 1623. This appointment was in reality a transfer of the office.

On the 13th August, 1629, Herbert obtained a reversion of the office after Ben Jonson, and, as he outlived both Astley and poor Ben,* he rose, on the demise of the longest lives of the two (Sir John Astley), from the office of deputy to that of master.

It was given to Tylney to see the drama in its greatest splendour—the office of the Revels in its greatest glory. Herbert saw several years of its strength, and at his death, on the 27th of April, 1673, he had seen his office in its decay. As Cawerden was the first, so Sir Henry

• Among the *Drolleries* of Dr. Andrews, in the Newcastle volume in the British Museum, is an epigram on Jonson. I print it, I believe, for the first time. The king, not the parliament, lent Jonson a lift.

"Big Benjamin hath had a cup of sacke
So often at his mouth that now his backe
Is almost brooke; whereas if hee his cup
In his sack's mouth had closely tyed up:
Hee might haue had a blessing and haue bin
As fortunate as little Beniamin—
Though hee bee broake, and broake, and broke in twaine
The Parliament hath peiced him againe."

Harl. MSS. 4955, fol. 84.

Herbert may be called the last Master of the Revels, for Killigrew, who succeeded him, had long before reduced the office to one of little authority and less use. The office of Master was still, however, maintained, and the reader of Cibber's "Apology" will find that the Master of the Revels could be troublesome to the patentee of Drury Lane. The only vestige left, not of the office, for that is fairly gone, but of the duties of the office, is in the Licenser of the stage.

Among the subordinate officers of the Revels, there is no one of mark or note but Joseph Taylor, the original stage Hamlet, if we may believe old Downes, the prompter. Taylor was appointed to the office of "Yeoman or Keeper of our Vestures or Apparel," by patent dated 11th November, 1639,* at a time when poets and players both were mixed up with the struggle between the king and the parliament. Taylor did not live to witness the Restoration, and was an old man on the 4th November, 1652, when he was buried at Richmond, in Surrey. Lyly failed in obtaining the reversion of the office of Master; Ben Jonson obtained the reversion, but did not live to enjoy it; and Joseph Taylor was appointed Yeoman when there was nothing for him to do.†

Will Hunt was appointed " for the good and faithful service heretofore done unto our dear son Henry Prince of Wales."

^{*} Both Malone and Chalmers say Sep. 1639; but a copy of the patent is among the enrolments of the Audit Office, with the date I have given above.

[†] The names of the Yeomen, in the order of their succession, are as follows: "John Holte; John Arnold; Walter Fysshe, by Privy Seal of 19th January, 1574; Edward Kirkham, by L'rs Pat. 28th April, 28th of Elizabeth; William Hunt. By L'rs Pat. 29th Oct. 9th of James I.; Joseph Taylor. By L'res Pat. 11th Nov. 1639."

I cannot conclude without expressing a sense of the obligations I am under to Francis Seymour Larpent, Esq., the Chairman of the Board of Audit, and the Commissioners of the office in general, for their permission to make the researches I have made; nor can I let pass, without acknowledgment, the kind attention I have received in directing and furthering those researches from Brooking Soady, Esq., the Chief Clerk of the office in which I have found so much that is curious. The paths of antiquarian inquiry are made doubly pleasant when one is assisted, as I have been assisted, in the compilation of this volume of old, minute, and, I feel, not uninteresting detail.

P.C.

27, Lower Belgrave Place, February 1, 1842.



Arms of the Office of the Revels. From Chalmers's " Apology."

EXTRACTS FROM THE ACCOUNTS

REVELS AT COURT.

1571.

REVELLS IN ONE YEARE ENDING ON SHROVETEWSDAYE IN THE XIIIJ. TH YEARS OF OUR SOVERAIGNE LADY QUEENE ELYZABETH.

The whole Charges of Thoffice aforeseide fore One whole yeare: vid2. From Shrove Tewsday in the xiii.th yeare untill Shrovetewsdaie in the xiiij.th yeare of her Maties reaigne.

Growing aswell by meanes of Wages & allowaunce due to sundry persons woorking and attending win the seide office 't abowte thaffares therof; as also by meanes of sundry Emptions & provizions this yeare within the The Consame tyme made 't pvyded by Sr Thomas Benger Knighte tentes of this (being Mr of the seide office) for the apparelling, disgyzyngge, ffurnishing, ffitting, Garnishing & orderly setting foorthe of men, woomen, 't Children; in sundry Tragedies, Playes, Maskes, and sporte with theier apte howses of paynted Canvas t propties incident suche as mighte most lively expresse the effect of the histories plaied 't devises in Maske this yeare showen, at the Coorte for her Maties Regall disporte & Recreacon whose tytles 't numbers wt the tymes wherin they were showen

Breefely are sett owte in the ende of this booke. Wherein first followeth the ordinary chardge.

tyme of ix. monethes:

Ayryng, Repayryng, Layeng abrode, Turning, sowing, amending, Tacking, Spunging, wyping, Brushing, Sweep-Within the ing, Carreng, flowlding, suting, putting in order and bestowing of the Garmente, vestures, Armor propties & for. other stuff, store and Implements of the seide office; for the safegarde, Refreshing, & Reddinesse therof at dyvers tymes as the necessitie therof required betweene the ende of the last Revells being as before is saide on Shrove tewsdaie in the xiijth yeare of her Matter reaigne. the begynnyng of the new woorkes for the next Christmas following. Which begun the first of December in the xiiijth yeare of her Matles reaigne.

vid2 in

Marche, Aprill, May, June, July, August, September, October, November.

Allowed for Taylers 't attendante woorking and attending on the premisses together with the Travellers I attendants that followed the Mr of this office in the Progresse on the busynesse 't affares of the same office.

Offycers in respect of diett as foloweth.

	Sma xxxix ^{li} . xix ^a
Porter at xijd the daie	Smª lxª.
The Master now Sr Thomas Benger Knighte; at iiij. the daie	60xij ⁱⁱ .
The Clerkcomptrowler; now Edward Buggyn esquier, at ij*. the daie	} 60vj ¹¹ .
The Clerke; now Thom's Blagrave esquier, at ij. the daie	} 60vj ¹¹ .
The Yoman; now John Holte by W' Bowll hys deputie at ij.	ⁿ } 60vj ¹¹ .
· -	Smª xxx ⁱⁱ .

William Bowll deputie unto John Holte yoman of this office for mony by him disbursed for Threade of sundry coollers: for Brushes, rubbers, Broomes, baskette, Locke, Necessaries. keyes, hookes, Henges, Boorde, Nayles, ffewell lighte & suche other things as neede required within this tyme (of ix moneths before set owte) to be uzed t imploied win the seide office, in all lxxiii.

Sma of all the ordinary allowaunce t Charges of this From office together with the wages xiij". xix. t allowaunces of ix psons laste before mencioned that travelled and attended on the Mr in the Progresse abowte thaffares of zabeth xiij' the same office. In all amouting to lxxvj¹ⁱ. xij*.

Shrovetewsdaie in ao r.rae Eliuntill the ffirst of December in aº r.rne prædictæ xiiij

ex^r p Edwardum Buggyn. T. Blagrave. John Arnold.

1571

December, January & February anno RR Elizabeth pd. xiiij ffor

Devyzyng, provydyng, preparing, newmaking Translating, Repayring, ffytting, furnishing Garnishing, set- Christmas ting foorthe, attending, well ordering, Taking in agayne, safebestowing, and safekeeping, of all Thaparell & Im- daye and plemente of the seide office (of her Mattes Revells) with Shrovetyde the Propertyes, Howses, and Necessaries incident therunto cheefely for Thapparelling, disguysing, fitting, ffurnishing 't setting foorthe of sundry Menn, Women 't Children in the vi Playes 't vi Maskes. mencioned more at lardge in the ende of this Booke. together with Thimploymet of suche stuf as the same Mr of this office delyvered (unto the yoman) being peells of themptions ffollowing, after the entrye of the wages.

Newyearesdaye Twelfe-

For Woork? doone and Attendaunce geaven within the seide office. Betweene the ffirst of December aforeseide; Wages and allowaunces due.

on which daie, the new woork?, I preparacons, ffor playes I Maskes, agaynst the tymes aforeseide, did begyn: And the aforeseide Shrove Tewsdaye: on whiche nighte the Revells for that yeare did ende according to the concluzion of this booke.

To Taylers and attendant? woorking attending 't travelling in the woork? buzinesses 't affares of the seid office, daie 't nighte

Sma c.xiiji. viija. viijd.

Proptymakers, Imbröders and Habberdashers wt theier servaunt ewiking uppon thapparell propties I heedpece with strange hatte I garnishing

Smª xxxix11. xiiijd.

Paynters and theier s'vaunt? that wrowghte t attended in thoffice t at the Coorte upon the Canvas that made all the howses for the plaies t devices for the Mask? t ppties therto incidente as capisons t furnit for the challeng's t def. wt theier horses to t upon the targett?, weapos, garlonds, cronett? t sundry other things.

Sma xxxvli. xviija. ijd.

Porter

Sma iiijii. xva.

Officers in Respect of theier dyett. viz The Mr at iiij*. the daye. 80 dayes 15 nights. xix".

The Clerkcomptrolr at | ij.* ye daie | ix". x*.

The Clerk at ij*. the daie | ix". x*.

The Yoman now John Arnolde | at ij*.

Sma xlvij". x*.

From the first daye of Desember untill Shroveteus-daie in ao r.r. E. prædictæ xiiijio.

Sm^a of all the Wages for woork? doone 't attendaunce geven win the seide office and abowte thaffares therof then.

Smª ccxlⁱⁱ. xiij^s.

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December, Januari, Februari ao RRas. Elizabeth pact. xiiijto.

Emptions and provizions made agaynst and within the same tymes broughte into this office: and delyvered by the partyes following unto the handes and custody of the By the Mr same Sr Thomas Benger Knighte being Mr therof, to be employed upon the ffurnishing of the vi playes 't the newmaking, I translating, of the vj maskes now within this tyme sett foorthe (more at lardge appearing in the end of this booke) or otherwyse the Remayne then unemployed (by him reserved) for the like use, another tyme, to be likewise yelded: when the like service, owte of this office sholde happen to bee (by her Matte) expected: or otherwise required.

vid2

John Lacy for dyvers percells of wares by him delyvered unto the seide Mr of this office as by a bill therof subscribed by the seid Sr T. Benger Knighte more at lardge appereth.

Taffita of sundry coollers and prices in all cc.lxxiij yardes.	ļ	c.xxx ^{li} .		vj ^d .
			•	
Sattyns of sundry cullers ? pices in all cc.lij yerdes	} c.	xxxviij ^u .	xiiij*.	v ^d .
Sarcenett(of sundry cullers ? p'c(in all d.cccc.xiiij.yerd(di	}	c.iiijv ⁱⁱ .	₹.	iiij ^d .
Cloth of golde of sundry cullers to in all. xxx yard?		жххј ^и .	xvjs.	viij ^d .
Tynsells of sundrycullers tpices in all. c.ij yardes		xlv ⁱⁱ ∙	ij•.	vjª.
Velvette of sundry cullers to p'ces in all. c.xxvij yardes	}	c.vj ^{li} .	iij•.	
Damaske of sundry cullers ?	}	lxiij ⁿ .	xiij•.	ix ^d .

	Sackclothe Stripte wt sylver in all. v. yardes		l•.	
	Chamlet one remnante greene contayning x yarde		lxvj•. v	riij ^d .
Mercers and	Buckerams of sundry coollers vj peece in all	iiij ⁿ .	iiij•.	
theier per- cells.	Tukes in all c.xl. yarde xi Allweb his mony amounteth unto d.cc. xxi	iij ^u . iij ^u .	xvj⁵.	xd.

William Ro. for Cloth of Gowlde by him delyvered unto the seide S^r Thom^as Benger as by a bill therof by him the seide M^r subscribed may appeare in all xliiij yard(at xxj^a, the yarde being of Crimsen p^rple 't greene coollor price.

xlvj^u, iiij^a.

John Willemson for sundry percells of his wares delyvered unto the seide S^r T. Benger to the use likewise of the seide office as by his bill more at lardge appereth.

Sarcenette of sundry cullers and prices in all c.iiijxv. ells.

Velvett xxvij yardes at xvij*. le yd xxij*. xix*.

Chaungeable Taffita j. yarde....... xj*. viij*.

Loomeworke liij ells at v*. vj*. thell. xiiij*. xj*. vj*.

All which his mony amounteth unto. iiijxix*. iij* ix*.

John Browne, for dyvers percells of his wares delyvered unto the seid Sr Thomas Benger to the use above-seide as by his bill vid2

Cloth of golde of Redd cooll xvj yarde qt.

of greene culler, xxiij yarde iij qu. di.
of Blew culler xiij yarde di 't di qu. xliij".

In all at xvj the yarde liij yarde iij q. trs.

Cloth of Tyssue of White culler xxxix yarde di. (of greene culler xxiij yarde. di.) in all at viijs. the yarde lxiij yardes amouting unto

xxv^{ll}. iiij^s.

All which his mony amounteth unto lxviijⁿ. iiij^s.

William Dane alderman of London for one peece of Clothe of golde; xx11. For Canvas d.iiij.vij. ells di. The Draper. xxix11. vij* ixd. And for vandelas lxvij ells di; lxvij*. vjd. In all delyvered by his wyfe 't s'vaunt unto the hands of the seide Sr T. Benger to the use aforesaide.

lijⁿ. xv*. iijd.

Philipp Gunter for sundry percells of wares namely Buckerams of sundry cullers and sundry pryces by him browghte into thoffice and delyvered unto the seide Mr Thupholster and others by him appointed to receive the same to be employed for lynyngs I patternes Ic. in all as by his bill xxxijll. vs. viijd. c.lxj peec(price;

Jone Bowll for sundry percells of ware by her delyvered into this office to the use aforeseide by the commaundement of the seide Master as more at lardge appereth by her bill. vidz]

Frynge of Copper sylver ? silk in all) id. xxxix Ib iij que of an ounce Silk ffyve ounce t an halfe xviijs. iiijd. Buttons of Copper Sylver (324) ... xij⁵. Tassells with Calles xij. xd. iiij^u. Lace ffyve pownde vij ounces xj. iiij^u. xix*. ixd. Twist iiij Ib ij ounce di..... All weh her mony amounteth unto. lyijⁿ. xij. ob.

Sylkwomen bowghte of them viz.

-Wever of St. Martyns for mony to him due for sundry percells of his ware, namely of Copper sylver frenge at

xxiiij. the Ib—ixⁿ. xij. For gold yolo oving at xxx. the Ib iiij. Ib x. ounc?. vjⁿ. xviij. viij. And for Buttons and lace of greene silke and golde.—xjⁿ. viij. in all as by his bill subscribed by the yoman y^t imploied it within this office on the matters ensuing appereth.

xvij^h. ij*. iiij^d.

M' Buggyn for mony by him disbursed for vj grose of Buttons by him browghte unto thoffice.—xij*. And for fyne Lawne for Mercuries heade.—viij*. in all. xx*.

Wylliam Bowll deputy to John Holte late yoman of this office for mony by him disbursed at sundry tymes at the M^r comaundem^t for sundry things following for the use aforeseide:

Stones called Sitterines (240.) ? Topiasses w' dyvers enamellings.	i ij vij	a iiij
Gylding and setting of the seid stones; tc	c.ij	vj
Canvas. lv. ells, price in all;	lxx	
Vyzardes of the ffinest xviii. p'ce	xxxv	
Gloves for maskers xij paier	vj	
Raw sattin silke for heare;	xvij	vj
Threade iij. lb ij bowlte	xvj	x
Tape both fyne and Coorse	ij	ix
Pacthreade and buttons togethers	iij	vj
Orsedue	iiij	iiij
Lace of Crowne purle	ij	viij
Lambeskins for moores	iij	ix
Past boordes ix dozen	xvij	iiij
Felte ij dozen t ix	xxij	
Flowers wrowghte wt needle wke wherof iij were presented to her Matte the residue garnished maskers heads	iij xij	
Heare for Hozen	iiij	хi
Fewell & Rushes	хj	

John Arnolde yoman of this office for mony by him disbursed at sundry tymes for sundry things requisit to the use aforesaide, as by his bill vid2 requisit to stuff and E

li. Gilt Bugles (m) and Rubies (300)..... Thread of sundry cullers 't sorte' cij viij Lace of sundry sorte, ij. ib. xxxiiij Fethers of sundry sorte xxiiij Fewell spent in thoffice iiij xvij iiij Pasted paper 't other pap xxxvij j Gloves for players t maskers..... lj Pinnes and tape togethers ij Rushes for the Wrkehowses vj viij Felte poynte and corde in all..... xlij ij Curtyn Ringes & heare for hoze....... ij iiij Cariages and Rewarde by him paid as occazions in s'vice required; and the seide Mr comaunded sundry tymes iiij ij x in thaffares herof in all together wt necessairs for Carow imploied by the Mr. All wch his mony amounteth together хį j

Provisions of sundry kyndes of stuf and Expences sundry wayes disbursed by the yoman of this office and his deputie for the tyme being.

John Carow for sundry percells of stuff by him bowghte and provyded for the use of this office t for the plaies Maske t showes sett foorth therof by the seide M¹⁸ cō-maundement. vid2. Sparres, Rafters, boorde, pun-

unto;

Implementes for propertyes suche as sundry playes required provided and employed by,

chyns, Nayles, vices, Hookes, Hinge, Horstayles, Hobby horses, pitchers, paper, Braunches of sylke and other garnitr for pageante, fethers, ffagbroches, Tow, Trenchers, gloves black, septers, wheate sheaves, Bodyes of men in tymber, dishes for devells eyes, devices for hell, thell mowthe staves for banners tc. Bowes, bills, daggs, Targette, swordes, daggers, fawchins fierwrke, Bosses for bitte, speares, past, glew, pacthrede, whipcorde, Holly, Ivy, tother greene bowes, bayes, tstrewing erbes tsuch like Implemete by him employed at the coorte tin thoffice to acceptable purposes we cariage t Rewarde by him paid in all;

The Furryer. Sachary Benett for x dosen of Kydde skynnes together with the woorkmanship by him and his servaunte doone upon the Hobby horses that sived the children of Westminster in the triumphe (where parris wan the Christall sheelde for vienna, at the Turneye and Barryers) in all; xlij². vj².

The Cullors

William Lyzard for Golde, sylver and sundry other Cullers by him spent in paynting the howses that served for the playes 't players at the Coorte; we their pperties 't necessaries Incident the pticul's wherof appeare at lardge in his bill; xij*. xvj*. j4.

Wyerdraw^r and his percells Thomas Leverett for mony to him due for wyer, plates, Lantornes, canstike staples, snakes pack needls, Ropes, bitte 't suche like trinkette wt his attendaunce as more at lardge appereth in his bill amting to; vju. xvj.

Vizardes

Thomas Gyles for mony to him due for xxj ffyne vyzarde with long Berdes, lxx*. And for vj Turke vizarde xv*. In all as by his bill therof appereth;

iiijii. v*.

John Tryce for mony to him due for Leashes, 4 doghookes, wt staves, and other necessaries; by him provyded for the hunters that made the crye after the fox (let loose in the Coorte) with theier hownde, hornes, and Hunters hallowing, in the playe of Narscisses. weh crye was made, of purpose even as the woorde then in utteraunce, I the parte then played, did Requier, for the whiche, the same Sr T. Benger also appointed him to geve certeyne Rewardf the whole amounting to; xxj. viijd.

John Izarde for mony to him due for his device in counterfeting Thunder & Lightning in the play of Nar- Thunder and scisses being requested therunto by the seide Mr of this Lightning office. And for sundry necessaries by him spent therin in all. xxii.

Barnard Fabian for mony to him due for sundry per- The Chauncells of his ware, namely Torches, Lincke other Lighte dler Seringcandle Corde 'to in all as by his bill appereth;

c.xvs. vd.

Morris Pickering and Willem Jening for mony by them disbursed for the hier of certeine Armor for the playe of Parris & vienna to furnish the triumphe therin and for Rewarde by them geven to the armorers that attended by thappoyntment of the seide Mr

Roger Tyndall for mony to him due for certeyne Arm by him lent for the same purpose with his s vaunt wages for wayting and attending on the same in all.

xviijs. ijd.

John Farington for mony to him due for making of vij payer of Buskins at his howse 't for sowling lether in Buskynxjs. iiijd. makr all.

Jorneying charges and other necessary Expences and Rewardes &c. alowed by the Mr &c. to

Bryan Dodmer for mony by him disbursed for a Christall sheelde 't certaine Bumbaste by him delyvered into thoffice 't for his expence travell 't diligence in thaffares of this office by the speciall appoyntment of the seide Sr T. Benger lx*.

Rycharde Mundaye for mony by him disbursed in Reward? 't for Bothier, Linck? and other necessary expenc? at the commaundement of the Clerkcomptrowler of this office this yeere in all;

John Drawater for mony by him disbursed in Reward? It for Botehier Lynk? It other necessarye expence at the commaundement of the Clerke of this office this yeare in all xx*.

Greenecloth &c. For the Clerke. Thomas Blagrave esquier Clerke of this office for his Greene Cloth, with pap, Ink, Cownters & suche other necessaries as to this office appertayneth & is incident to the devices, plotte, orders, Bills, Reckonings & Bookes by him devysed, framed, sett owte, compiled, conferred, east upp, concluded & preferred for this whole yeare ending on shrovetewisdaie in the xiiijth. of our seide soveraigne Lady Queene Elizabth.

lxvj*. viijd.

Sm^a of all the emptions it provizions with the other expence before mencyoned amounteth unto:

m.cc.xljii. xiji. vd. ob.

SM^A TO^{LI®} of this whole Booke conteyning all the whole Charges of this office any way growen within this yeare; vid²). From Shrovetewsdaie in the xiijth. yeare of o^r. sovereigne Lady Queene Elizabeth untill Shrovetewsdaie

in the xiiijth. yeare of Matter Reaigne as before appeareth amounteth unto:

> m.d.lviiji. xvij. vd. ob. exr. p nos T. Blagrave. Edwarde Buggun. John Arnold.

Lady Barbara showen on Saint Jöhns day at nighte by Sr Robert Lanes Men.

Effiginia a Tragedye showen on the Innosent? daie at nighte by the Children of Powles.

Aiax and Ulisses showen on New yeares daie at nighte by the Children of Wynsor.

Narcisse showen on Twelfe daye at nighte by the Children of the Chappell.

Cloridon and Radiamanta showen on Shrovesundaye at Nighte by Sr Robert Lanes men.

Paris and Vienna showen on Shrovetewsdaie at nighte Playes vi by the Children of Westminster.

All whiche vj. playes being chosen owte of many and ffownde to be the best that then were to be had; the same also being often pused, it necessarely corrected it amended by all thafforeseide officers. Then they being so orderly addressed, were lykewise Throughly apparelled, I ffurnished, with sundry kindes, and sutes, of Apparell & furniture, flitted and garnished necessarely t answerable to the matter, person, and parte to be played. Having also apt howses, made of Canvasse, fframed, ffashioned t paynted accordingly; as mighte best serve theier severall purposes. Together with sundry properties incident: ffashioned, paynted, garnished, and bestowed as the partyes them selves required I needed. Whereupon, somuche of all manner of the Emptions & pvisions aforeseide, as was expedient & requizite: was aptly Employed together with pte of the woorkmanshipp tattendaunce aforeseide. And the Residue of the Emptions not then employed theron: was by the seid Mr of this office tothers whome he did put in trust reserved for farder service in thoffice the most parte wherof was also Employed (together wt the rest of the wkmanshipp done) upon the Maskes ffollowing.

Clothe of Golde ij. of whiche one maske was yolow garded with black velvett garnished with sylver lace t fringe v2. vj long gownes having vj hatte of Black velvett edged with golde lace t for their Torchebearers vj long Gownes of Changeable Taffata red t yolow garnished with yelyke lac t efrenge wt vj hatte answerable t vizarde, skarfes, ffawchions, buskins, wrestbande t suche like necessaries incident. The tother mask was of Crymsen purple t greene cloth of golde. v2. viij Long Gownes garnished with silver frenge, t lace t buttons, whose torchebearers had viij long gownes of Redd Damask likewise garnished t all furnished with straunge heades (xvj), vyzarde, skarfes, fawchins, Buskins garters t wrestbands according.

Loomewoorke white 't black braunched vj long gownes garded w't black velvett, Imbrodred w't lace lyned w't Tynsell 't edged with ffrenge; whose Torchebearers had vj longe Gownes of Changeable Taffata blew 't yolo garnished w't sylver lace and frenge having likewise xij strange heades 't 12 vizards w't skarfes ffawchins buskins, 'tc.

Maskes vj vidz. of

> Murre Sattyn one of vj Long Gownes & for the Torchebearers vj long gownes of Chaungeable Taffata garnished wt sylver Lace & frenge having xij straunge head? curiusly decked with vyzard? skarfes, ffachyns buskins, &c.

The other ij mask were but translated to otherwise garnished being of the former nuber by meanes wherof the Chardge of Wrkmanshipp t attendaunce is cheefely to be respected.

Itm one of the forenamed Mask? had going before it a Childe gorgeusly decked for Mercury, who uttered a speeche: It presented iij fflowers (wroughte in silke It golde) to the Queenes Matte signefieng victory, peace, It plenty, to ensue. He had also ij torchebearers in Long gownes of changeable Taffata with him.

Upon weh vj Maskes the Residue of all Themptions this yeare broughte into thoffice, for the moste parte was Employed. The Remayne of all the forenamed stuf not on theise plaies 't Maske Employed. Resteth in the hands of the seid Mr of this office 't suche as he comytted the custody therof unto, till farder service Required the same.

Edward Buggyn. T. Blagrave. John Arnold.

Marche, Aprill & Maye in anno RR™ Elizabth. xiiij™ pdict.

Ayryng, Repayryng Layeng abrode, Turning, sowing, amending, Tacking, spunging, wyping Brushing, sweeping, Caryeng, ffowlding, suting, putting in order and safe bestowing of the Garment vestures, Armorperties and other stuf, store Implement of the seide office for the safegarde, Refreshing and Reddynesse thereof Agaynste the Coommyng of Duke Mommerancie Embassador for Fraunce. In all (Betweene Shrovetewsdaie in the seide xiiijth yere, and the last daye of May in the seide yeare) xxtl Dayes wherin the partyes dilligently wrowghte and attended within the seide office.

Allowaunces Due unto the Wrkmen and Attendauntes folowing for Wrkmanshipp doone and attendaunce geven win the seide office Betweene Shrovetewsday and the last dave of Maye a° xiiij^{to} prædictæ vidz. upon,

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Wages to Taylers and others woorking 't attending the premisses those xx^{tl}. daies. vid2'. Sm^a viijⁿ. xiij^s. iiij^d.

The Porter John Dawncye xx*.

The officers in respect of dyett during those xx^{tt} daies. Sm^a of all theise wages amoūteth unto: xix^{ll}.xiij^s.iiij^d.

Edward Buggyn. T. Blagrave. John Arnold.

Emptions t pvizions made within the same tyme vid2

John Dauncy for ffewell by him bowghte of Willam Newman by the appropriment of the seide Sr Thomas Benger to him delyvered in Marche aforeseide, v2 iiij m tan halfe of Billette at xiij. the thowsande; lviij. Tallwood iiij Lodes at va. iiijd. the lode; xxja. iiijd. And fagatte iiij Lodes at va. the Lode xxa. In all;

iiij^{li}. xix*. xd.

Henri Callewaye for a Table with a frame t sundry other necessaries by him delyvered into thoffice by the comaundement of the seid M^r xxx.

Smª of all Themptions vjii. ixa. xd.

From
Shrovetewsdaye untill
June in ao
R.R. næ prædictæ xiiijto.

Sm^a to^{lis} of all the Charges of this office any way Growen from Shrovetewsdaie untill June aforeseide

xxvj^{ll}. iij*. ij^d.

Edward Buggyn. T. Blagrave. John Arnold.

[BOOK II.]

1573.

REVELLS.

The Booke of Charges growen win Thoffice of the One yeare Queenes Mats Revells aforesaide in One whole yeare scilt. From the Laste daye of Maye (1572) in the xiiijth Anno RR yeare of Mate Resigne Untill the ffirst daye of June 1573 in the xvth yeare saving the Warderobe stuf which is not here mencyoned bycawse it was not bowghte by any officer of the seide office, but delyvered to thoffice by John Fortescue esqier Mr of the Queenes Mattes great Warderobe.

Ending the last of Mave Elyzabeth

There is added also in the ende of this booke the And ffyve Charges that grew within v Monethes as afore is saide; vidz June, July, August, September, and October in Last daye of the saide xvth yeare; wtin which tyme there was wke t attendaunces especially against the Progresse into Kent as there in thend of this Booke at Lardge appereth.

Monethes Ending the October a^o xvto prd.

Woorke doone t attendaunce geven within the seide June Anno Office and on Thaffares therof within the same tyme For 't upon the devyzing, newmaking, translating, repayring, Fyttyng, Furnishing, Garnishing & setting foorthe of sundry kinde of Apparell, properties and furniture for One Maske showen at White hall before her Matte & Duke Momerancie Embassador for Fraunce. Together wt the Emptions t pvisions bowghte and provyded for the same. And all other charge growen by meanes therof within this Office (the Warderobe stuf as before is said only excepted) pticularly ensueth.

RR DE. Eliz. prd. xiiijto.

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Taylers I others woorking I attending upon the pre-

Smª lviija. viija. ijd.

		Smª xviij ⁱⁱ . x ^s . iiij ^d .				
Officers in Respect of Diett	The M ^r at iiij ^s . the daie The Clerkcontrowler at ij ^s . The Clerke at ij ^s . p diem; The Yoman at ij ^s . p diem;	p die3010 iiij 3010 iiij				
June xiiij ^{to}	Sm ^a of all theise Wages	iiijxvij ^u . viij ^s . vj ^d . John Fortescue. Henry Sekeforde. Edward Buggyn. Thomas Blagrave. John Arnold.				
	June 15	72 xiiij™.				
	Emptions, &c.					
The silk- weaver and her percells	=	ver Frenge Twist and bone t xviijd. thounce. lxxjn. xjn. thounce ij fb j. oz. qt. iiijn. lke Buttons and loopes iiij.				
The silk-	Ales Mowntague for Bone	Lace wrowghte w ^t sylver and				

spangells vij ounce at ix. thounce. lxiij. Golde plate. j. oz. iij q. at vij. thounce; xij. iij. Lawne of fine white Netwoorke at xij. the yarde iij yardes di. xlij. (Itm delyvered to M. Swegoo to garnishe ix heades and ix skarfes for the ix Muzes owte of thoffice. vid.). Spanish silke of sundry cullers, wing iiij ozee iij q. at ij. vj. thounce. xj. xd. ob. Heads of heare drest and tymmed at xxiij. iiijd the peece in all ix, xi. xi. Sisters threade, j oz. ij. Lawne for skarfes white t open xiiij yarde di.

at iijs. iiijd. the yarde-xlviijs. iiijd. White Sipers for skarfes xxvj yardes at ijs. iiijd. the yarde; lxs. viijd. Frenge of golde twisted for the same skarfes xiiij ozce at vije. viije. the o2. c.vije. iiije. Bone Lace cheyne Frenge t edging lace of golde t silv with spangles xxvij o2. di at viij. the ounce; xjh. Poynting Ribbon of golde sylv and sylke 102 yardes at viijd. the yarde-iijh. viij. | Ribon of penny brode silke j. oz qr at iij. thounce; iijs. ixd. Parchement Lace of watchett and sylver at vijs. viijd. the ounce ij oz. q.tr xvijs. iijd. Laces of Crymsen ij at xvjd. the peece; ije. viijd. Spanish Lace 't white heare layeying v doozen at ij. the doozen; x. Boxes to put the heades and skarfes in ij at ij. the peece: iiij. xliiiji. iijs jd. ob. in all.

Willm Bowll for xxxij long flowers iiij stalkes the Silkwever peece at viijd. the stalke; iiijh. v. iiijd. strigge of bay and his per-Leaves for twigg head? at vid. the peece. xvjs. single Roses at ijd. the peece xviij dozen. xxxvjs. Flowers in Branches xj doze at viijd. the braunche; iiiji. viijs. Reedes. ijd. Canvas x ells at xd. the ell; viijs. iiijd. Vandelas iiij ells di at xiija. thell; iiija. x. ob. single pance iiij dozen; iiije. viijd. Flowers of needlewik ? golde xxvij 't iiij labells pice; iiiji. xijs. viijd. Rose headeded nayles M; xxd. in all xvji. xviji. viijd. ob.

John Rosse (gent) for mony to him due for making of Propertya Chariott of xiiij foote long t viij foote brode wt a Rock maker upon it 't a fowntayne therin w' the furnishing and garnishing therof for Apollo and the Nine Muzes, by the composition 't appoyntment of the aforeseide John Forteskue esquier & Henri Sackford esquier. lxvill.xiijs. iiijd.

James Macredye for making of a Castell for Lady Propertypeace to sytt \(\frac{1}{2} \) be browghte in before the Queenes Ma^{ue} maker

't for dyvers things by him bowghte, and employed on the same; together w' the wages by him demaunded for payment of suche as wroughte upon the same, in all xvj^u. But alowed only xiij^u. xv^s.

Patternemaker Robert Trunkye arras for patternes by him made and plotte for sundry devices requizite in this office t at this tyme employed in all xxx*.

The Joyner and proptymaker and his percells.

John Carow for vj dozen of golde Lether at ijs. viijd. the dooze; xvjs. for xviij felte at xijd. the peece; xviijs. for iiij staves at vjd. the peece ijs. for ij felte for women; xvjd. Nayells. iijd. Felte at viijd. the peece xij; viije. One Turky Bowe and iij arrowes; xvd. Packthred; ijd. Bannarstaves vj. at iiijd. the peece; ijs. for making of vj yarde of cheyne wt the golde lether; vj. for another cheyne of xv yard(; viij*. for ffyne fflower for past; ijd. Glew; iiijd. for xv felte more at viijd. the peece; xs. for iiij dozen more of golde lether; ixº. ijd. for a Bolte shackles 't a coller for discorde, ijs. for boordes for the floore t shelves in the coutinghowse; xvj. for Rafters t grunsells, xiiijs. for Wenskot. xiijs. For Nayles of sundry sorte; vjs. viijd. for frames for wyndowes; xs. for joynte staples hooke 't henges for windowes 't doores; ixs. viijd. for making of a portall, shelves, dores, boxes I mending the floore I seeling in the same; x*. viijd. In all as by one of his bille: iiij". iiij. viijd. And by the other entred t paid by Dodmer the Clerke appointmt iiij". viij^h. iiijs. viijd.

Painter &c.

Willam Lyzarde for xviij pencells at viijd. the peece; xija. for Banners iiij at vja. viijd. the peece; xxvja. viijd. Crownes ij; va. for paynting ij Marshalls staves; ija. for paynting a castell; xa. the Rock t churche in the Castle; xa. The pillers Arcatrye, frize cornish t the roofe gilt wa golde and ffine silver; ca. The Armes of England

and Fraunce upon it; x. the winge; iiij. certeyne garlonde: xx*. Ollyff Braunches and snakes; vij*. Avizard for Argus; ij. Candlesticke likwise by him paynted, ij dozen; iiiji. A prison for discord; vs. for drawing of divers hedpeeces; vjs. viijd. for gilding iiij. pillers of xvli. iijs. viijd. a waggon, iij. iiijd.

Philipp Gunter for xxx^d. peeces of Buckerams v2. Upholster xxvj at xjs the peece; xiiijh. vjs. One pee. more of &c. Bridge Buckeram; xij. And iij peece of Rownde Buckerams, at iiijs. iiijd. the peece; xiijs. In all.

xvli. xjs.

Barnard Fabyan for seering Candell. vj. lb at xvjd. Chaundler the Ib; viij. Weeke and Cotten Candell xij Ib; ij. ixd. vj peeces of corde and Lyne; iijs. viijd. In all. xiiijs. vd.

-Gyles for ij dozen di. of fyne weemens vizardes, at Haberdasher xxiiijs. the doozen; iiji. Itm. vj fyne Turkes vizardes after xxiiij. the doozen; xij. In all iij doozen vizarde. lxxijs.

Thomas Greene the Cofer Maker for covering the Coffermaker seate of the chariot wheron the muzes sate I for him I his ij s'vaunte attendaunce 't woorke doone within this tyme in all; xxij*. vjd.

John Ogle for Curling of Heare made of Black silk for Propertydiscorde heade (being lx ounce) price of his woorkmanshipp theron only is. vijs. viijd.

Rychard Bryan &c. for mony by him disbursed & to Messengers him pd by Brian Dodmer for horshier t expences in travelling abowte thaffares of this office at this tyme by

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thappoyntment of M' Forteskue 't M' Sackforde sundry tymes in all, xxvj*. viijd.

Buskinmaker John Farrynton for inking viij payer of white startops of cloth of sylver 't for theier sowles: viijs. for making 't sowling ix paier of sattyn: ixs. Yolow caffa xij paier xijs of iij paier of Buskins one being cloth of golde for Allphonse, the other. ij of Caffa at xxd. the paier wt theier solling lether. vs. Bybbon for Laces ij ounce q: ijs. vjd. And for Tagging of Laces: iiijd. In all: xxxvjs. xd.

Necessaries and Rewardes Bryan Dodmer for mony by him disbursed for sundry Necessaries at dyvers tymes and for his contynuall attendaunce 't s'vice during the tyme aforeseide in this office. xls.

Wyerdrawers. Thomas Leverett for white Rownde plates turnde in with a crest for xxiiij braunches eche bearing iiij (for light()) at viijd. the peece: lxiiijd. Wyer to hang them by vj fb at xvjd. the fb: viijd. Greate Wyers that went crosse the hall. w. iiij fb the peece at xvjd. the fb: xxjd. iiijd. A lighte for the churche: xijd. Nailes M: xvjd. j fb more of fyne wyer: xvjd. ij fb of drawen wyer: iijd.—iiij fb qtr greate wyer at xvjd. the fb: vd. viijd.—Doobble plat at viijd. the peece xv peec(: xd.—c.c. payer of clapses: xijd. And for wag(for vj of his svaunt() that attended t wroute at the Coorte and in thoffice this tyme in all: xxd. viijd. All which his mony for theise peells amounteth unto: vji. xvijd. xvijd. viijd.

Paynter for the Charrott Haunce Eotte for drawing and paynting of dyvers t sundry patternes: v2. of the Chariott t mownte (wch Rose made) wt all the psonages apparell and Instrumete t setting them owte in apte coollors t such like svice by

him doone in this office at this tyme at the request t apoyntment of Mr Alphonse 't thofficers as by his bill x". xv. reduced by thofficers to: iiij". xix.

Petrucio for his travell t paynes taken in pparacon Rewardes for the same mask t for recompence to Mris Swego t for Ac. the Muzisian that towghte the ladies. In all iiiju. ij. vd. as by his bill. But allowed for all only. lxiiijs. vd.

Thomas Booreman for mony by him disbursed for Necessaries Lynkes, Torches, & other necessaries with Boethier & Rewarde geven to dyvers porters, Messengers and woorkemen by the clerke appointm. XXS.

John Weaver for mony to him due for Buttons of Sylkwever greene silke and golde 't for lace of the same employed by John Arnolde upon a skarfe for one of the gentlewemen Maskers, price: xis. viijd.

Edwarde Buggin esquier clerkcomptrowler of this Office for mony by him disbursed and taken upon him to dyvers psons for sundry pcells of ware 't s'vices folvida lowing:

Pecock for ij peece of blew and Crimsen Merser. Tyncell cont xxxiiij yardes di. at viij*. the y'de: xiiji. xvis. Black Tyncell v yarde. xljs. And for yolo Sattyn ij yardes di: xxj. iijd. in all, xvjh. xviijs. iijd.

John Willamson for alj ells white Tyncell at vija. thell Mercer. xiiiji. vijs.

M^{rs} Dane for xlij ells canvasse at xiiijd. thell: xlixs. Lynnen-

To Willam Rowe for Blew tyncell x yardes at vis. Mercer.

viiij^d. the yarde: lxvj^s. viij^d. Crimsen sattyn iij yarde: xxxj^s. Crimsen Tyncell xx yardes: vjⁿ. xiij^s. iiij^d. Blew Tyncell 't crimsen lxxvij y^rdes q^{sr} at vj^s. viij^d. the yarde: xxvⁿ. xiiij^s. x^d. In all. xxxvijⁿ. v^s. x^d.

Sylkwoman.

M^{ris} Wyett for carnacon and sylver Lawne xxj yarde iij q^{tr} at the yarde: vijⁱⁱ. xij^s. iij^d. Sylver Tyncell xviij yardes: xlv^s. Ribbon of Silver t golde iiij dozē di at the dozē: xj^s. iij^d.

xli. viijs. vjd.

Sylkwever

John Wever of Saint Martins for Copp silver frenge xvij ozee at the ounce: xxvs. silk heare ij ib price:

1st Copp silver purled and laced Frenge of at the ounce viijs. vjd. iiijn. xiijs. vjd.

Million. To the Millioner for one yard qu' of couterfete cloth of golde pice: xxij.

Habberdasher To — Hobson for iij dozē gold skiñes viij.

Stacion^r.

To the stacyon for a lidg booke to. v. ijd.

Mercer.

To Barnes for v yrds di. tincell: lxiij*.

Gylder.

To Dyrick for gilding 8 hedpeece xls.

Fethermaker

To the Fethermaker for Fethers:

Mercer. To John Lacye for di. y'de tyncell:

xxijd.

Xª.

Smyth.

To the smith for lock and keyes, tc.

xijs. viijd.

Basketmaker. To the Basketmaker for viij Mold? for heade peec?: xvj. One greate Baskett: ix. for bringing and mending the other baskett? in thoffice; v. xxx.

To a Bargeman for cariages by watr x.:

Cariage

To John Farrington for ij ffelte:

xxd.

To the Porters that watched all nighte at the black Rewardes Fryars brydge for the cummyng of the stuf from the Coorte: ij.

To the woorkmen that wayted on the Mask all nighte Rewardes who had no tyme to eate theyer supper xvj of them by way of Rewardes in all: vijs.

To Thom's Clatterbooke for billet? for Coles, 't for ffewell Nayles for a chariot: xs. ijd.

For his owne 't his servaunte expences in botehier Botehier and Lynke I sundry other necessaries boughte I rewarde Necessaries. geven to Messengrs, win this tyme in all: XXº.

To Mr. Arnolde Yoman of thoffice for Threade of Necessaries. sundry sorte cullers and price sū in Bowlte & sū by tb: c.x. xd. Tape j lb vs. t iij pece iijs.: viijs. past pap: xxiijs. pack threade: iijd. Nailes: vjd. Hookes and eyes: vjd. silke: xijd. Corde: ijs. Bente: iijs. Cotten to make Rowles: vjs. Rybbon for poyntyng: ixs. Pinnes a thowsand: xijd. Gloves: lixs. vjd. Sweete water: iij. iiijd. Billette: vj. Rushes: vij. iiijd. Bote hier: xxd. Cariages: iij*. Seering Candell: iiijd. other lighte: vjd. Rewardes: iijs. In all: xij^{ll}. ix*. ixd. All whiche mony amounteth unto: cx¹¹. xv². iiijd.

Walter Rippon for a Chariett wt all manner of Neces- Waggonsaries therto belonging weh swed at the Tryumphe in maker. the nighte at whitehall, I there broke and spoyled as the clerk was enformed. vli. vij.

June xiiij^{to}.

Sm^a of all theise Emptions and provisions for the seide Maske w^t all the expence 't alowaunce (besides the wages afore settowte) amounteth unto

c.cccix^{ll}. iij^s. ij^d.

ex. John Fortescue.

Henry Sekeforde.

Edward Buggyn.

Thomas Blagrave.

John Arnold.

June yet in anno RR^{næ} Elizabeth xiiij^{to}. The Banketting Howse made at White Hall (then) for Thentertaynement of the seide Duke did drawe the Charges ensuing for the Covering therof with Canvasse. The Decking therof with Birche I Ivie. And the fretting and garnishing therof with fflowers, I Compartement, we pendent I armes paynted I gilded for the purpose. The ffloore therof being all strewed with Roze leaves pickt I sweetned we sweete waters I. The wages for the dooing wherof. Themptios and provizions therefore: Together we Rewardes and alowances Incident As also the partyes Names to whome, by whome, I wherfore the same was payde (I is to be alowed) pticculerly ensue:

vidz

Wages to thartiffic^rs and garnishers. John Drawater for mony by him paide unto 30. Basketmakers, that made the frette, 3 drawers of the patternes for them according to the measure of the walls, Roofe, 4 Windowes, 17 Plasterers 4 others that Lathed the howse all the Inside to fasten the birche unto: 66 Labowrers or rather Deckers of the howse with Birche 4 Ivie in all, 116 psons; xxjⁿ. xvij^s. And for Botehier, Rewarde to messengers 4 expence in vittelling himselfe 4 iij of his ffellows; xxv^s. vj^d. In all

xxiijii. ijs. vjd.

Nycholas Stubbe for iiij viij Lodes of Birche; xvⁿ. Byrche and viijs. For flowers; lixs. vid. Ivye v Lodes with the flowers to Cariage; ls. and for Horshier, Botchier, 't Rewarde to him selfe 't others travelling and attending aboute the provision aforeseide: xxxvs. viijd. all: xxijH. xiijs. ijd. .

garnish &c.

John Sepeham for flowers and other necessaries by him flowers &c. pvyded at Kingston t browghte to white hall. v2. Base to garnishe. Rope 't Lyne bounde rownde aboute with fflowers 1560 ffadam; c.vjs. Flowers xij Baskette full; xs. Packthreade xxx lb; xva. Crowne garlande of Roses. x; vjs. viijd. Roses x bushels; viijs. iiijd. Strewing herbes t sweete flowers; xj*. viijd. Torches Lynke t other lighte; viij. vjd. Rewarde by him paid to sundry wrkemen 't women that wroughte nighte 't daye; xviij's. xd. His owne Rewarde for all his paynes; xls. Bote hier 't other Cariages in all; viijs. vjd. all as by his booke appereth. pd. by Mr Forteskue xj^{ll}. xiijs. vjd.

John Robinson for flowers broughte in to the Cockpitt flowers &c. at White Hall wt other necessaries v2. Flowers of all to garnish together wt sort? taken up by comyssion ? gathered in the feeldes; wages &c. ixⁿ, xiiij^s. iiij^d. Base Rope xxx fadom in; xx^s.—sandwiche corde, packthreade, twyne, bynding threade & needells in all; lxxs. ijd. Flaskette & Baskette to carry the flowers; ix. for Botehier from Brayneforde and abowte the same preparacons; x. Wages by him payd to 214 Woorkfolkes the most of them being women that gathered bownde and sorted the flowers we reward? by him pd. in all; xju. xiju. vjd. Lynke and other lighte by him bowghte; iiijs. And for his owne Rewarde for all his paynes travell 't attendaunce; xxvjs. viijd. In xxviijh. vis. viijd. all:

John Whitwell for Cariage of iiij ix Lodes of Byrche Cariage of Birche &c.



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from sundry places browghte to White Hall by sundry persons at sundry rates as the prveior compounded and as appereth more Lardgely in his booke;

fflowers, &c. Willam Hunnys for Rozes xlvj Bushells; xlvjs. Pinke and privett fflowers in all; xiijs. iiijd. Hūny suckells vi bushells; xijd. more Roses xxxiij bushells wt basket(; xxxiiij. xd. privett flowers xix bushells; xij. viijd. Strewing herbes xij bushells; va. Baskette; ijs. viijd. Glasse Bottells ij of iiij gallons; iiij. Rose Water iiij gallons; xl. Botehier 't portage v. viijd. In all: viijl. v. ijd.

Henri Sackforde esquier for Rewarde by him geven Rewardes. upon the necessitie of expedicon emongs the men & Women wrking all Nighte upo the premisse & for making kleane the banketting howse 't keeping the dores in all xlix. vjd.

Willam Boorne for mony by him paide for cariage of Cariage &c. Rewardes vj Lodes of Ivye fro skotland to White Hall 't for flowers with tables and tressells 't his owne paynes ij daies 't one xs. ijd. nighte. In all

Bryan Dodmer for Breade and Cheese tc. to serve the **Botehier** plasterers that wrowghte all the nighte 't mighte not be horshier and spared nor trusted to go abrode to supper 't for iij greate Rewardes. steanes 't iij drinking potte in all; xiiijs. and for his owne attendaunce 't service wth his s'vaunts travell to 't fro abowte the Pmisse theier horshyer, Botehier, expence of diet t for Lyncke t Rewarde unto messengers runnyng betweene saint James 't the Coorte 'tc. sundry

xls. paid by Mr. Forteskue

tymes I for cariage of dyvers necessaries to I fro in all.

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Awdryan Awdrianson for Wicker Rodde to make Basketfrette; xxxv. the Cariage fro eschepe to White Hall; xxd. In all. xxxvj*. viijd.

Vander Valloy for mony by him disbursed for Rodde Basketof seasoned wyckers 30 bundells; lxv. Hoopes, 200; maker. Nayles: xijd. Cariages by water and Land: ijs. vjd. Wages for hym selfe besides viijs. before paid by F. Drawater; iiijs. vjd. iiij^B. xijd.

Willam Lyzarde for x peece and pendente fastned to Painter and them of iiij foote over; iiijh. iiij pendente of xiiij inches his percells. over; xvs. xvj pendente of x Inches; xxxijs. viij doozen Roses; iiijii. ij dozen di. of fflowerdeluces; xvs. for patternes x. all paynted gylded I bestowed on the seide howse for the better garnishing 't setting foorth therof. xj^{li}. xijs.

Thomas Mathew for Nayles of all sorte dd to Mr For- Ironmonger. tescue then I there employed and for ij peececes of base Rope in all. lxxviijs. xd.

John Capp & Richard Warmingham for theier service Rewardes daye It nighte whiles the birche was browghte in untill saries. it was employed t for mony by them disbursed for iiij greate knyves to cutt the Birche 't vj Lincke, iij canvas baggs to conteyne I carry the Nailes I certeyne packthrede to the deckers, I for kepping the byrche from sealing, I serving the birchers I lathers Ic. in all. xx.

Mris Dane for xxtl peece of Vandelas to cover the Ban- Lynen drakettinghowse conteyning in the whole 1006 ells, at xiijd. per. thell; liiij". ix". xd. Itm more for xvij ells of the same rate v2. xiijd.; xviije. vd. And for 130 ells Canvas at xijd. the ell; vju. xs. In all lxin, xviijs, iijd.

Wages of Taillers Robert Welton for his owne wages 't the wages of xvij Taylers by him paid for W'kmanshipp doone upon the same Canvas to Coover the howse in all.

xlijs. xjd.

Wages or Rewardes. Thom's Hales for cutting owte of the Canvas I fitting the same for the howse I for his attendaunce I ordering theref.

filowers necessaries and Rewardes w^t Botehier &c. John Forteskue esquier for mony by his owne hand? disbursed dyvers I sundry waies for thexpedicon furnishing I garnishing therof. To John Barber for flowers; lxx*. To Wm Rowden and Rowlande for flowers I rewarde for stvice done, lvj*. John Trice for flowers I Rose water; c.xj*. vjd. To Robert Jones for Ivie; xviij*. for Candelstick? wt light?; xxvj*. viijd. for Thred I lyer; xvj*. viijd. Cariages sundry tymes of sundry things incident to the pmiss?; xxiij*. iiijd. Botehier; xxvj*. viijd. To gregory Glazier for flowers I wk?; iiijh. To John Browne for setting up I taking downe the canvas; xijs. And to sundry other psons by him uzed in the seide stvice as the necessitie of and aid therin required; lxvj*. viijd. In all as by his notes therof appeereth.

xxv^{ll}. vij*. vjd.

Sm^a of theise Charge for the Bankettinghowse made in June aforesaide. cc.xxiiijⁱⁱ. vj^a. x^d.

June anno RR^{nse} Eliz. p^rd. xiiij^{to}.

Sm^a of all theise Charges growen win the tyme aforesaide Bothe for the Maske and also for the Bankettinghowse amounteth together unto D.cc.xxx¹. xviij^a. vj^d.

John Fortescue. Henry Sekeforde. Edward Buggyn. Thomas Blagrave. John Arnold.

Ayryng Repayryng, Layeng abrode Turning sowing, July, Auamending, Tacking, Spunginge, wyping, Brushing, gust, Sep-Making Cleane, flowlding, suting, putting in order, October Layeng up and safe Bestowing of the Garmente, Ves- Anno RRase tures t ffurniture wt the stuf, store and Implement of and Novemthe saide Office for the safegarde, Refreshing, and Redy- ber anno nesse therof, Doone at sundry tymes as the Necessitie Regni Re Eliz. prd. therof Required. Betwene the first of July and the last xvo. of November aforesaide wroughte t attended upon by the parties ffollowinge as theier Nüber of daies severall wages 't alowaunce here after appere. vidz

E. prd. xiiijto Regni Rense

Taylers and others woo'king and attending the pre-Smª xxix^{ll}. vjª. viijd. misse.

The Mr at iiij'. by the daye	dales 40			
The Clerkcomptrowler at ij. p die	4 0	•••••	iiij	theier diett.
The Clerk at ij. by the daie	40	•••••	iiij	vidz.
The Yoman at ij*. by the daie	4 0	•••••	iiij	

Sma of all theise Wages. xlix11. vja. viijd.

John Arnolde Yoman of this Office for mony by him Necessaries. disbursed for Thredd of sundry cullers; via. viijd. Brushes of sundry sorte redd t white; va. iiijd. Fewell; xxvjs. viijd. Nayles, Hāmers, Pincers & other necessaryes from the Ironmunger; vj. Lyghte, Corde, & other chaundry ware; vijs. Glew 't a melting pott; xiiijd. a hatchett; xvjd. Dust baskette; xvjd. A shovell; viijd. Broomes; xijd. Boordes, Rafters, & Waynskott to mend the small presses 't to make shelves I pticions; xx. Bowlte, Hookes, Henges, Locke I Keyes; viij. Rubbers 't spunges; ij. Rushes; vj. Smª iiiji. xiija. xd. viiijd.



July August September and October anno RR¹⁰⁸ Eliz. p^rd. xiiij^{to} and November xv^{to}.

Sma of all the Charge growen win the same v Monethes.

John Fortescue. Edward Buggyn. Thomes Blagrave. John Arnold.

December
January and
February
RR^{ne} Eliz.
xv^{to}.

New making, Translating, Repayring, ffytting, ffurnishing, Garnishing and attending the wares, apparell, properties, stuf, store, and Implement? of the seide Office for the apte setting foorthe of Sundry Playes and Mask? wt other sport? t pastymes for her Mate Recreation showen this yeare in Christmas t Shrovetyde at Hamptō Coorte and at Greenewiche the Charg? wherof growen aswell by meanes of Wages as Emptions t provizions over and besides the warderob stuf hereafter pticulerly ensueth

vid2.

Taylers t others working tattending the premisses the first at xx^d. the p die, and all the rest at xij^d.

c.xvij¹¹. ix⁴. iiij⁴.

Paynters

xxijⁿ. iiij^s. iiij^d.

Will M Lyzard for gilding t paynting sundry thing? at his howse vid2. Patternes for psonages of Men t Women in strange attyer, hedepeece, dishes for frutes t flishes in all:

xx*. iiij4.

Bryan Dodmer for his Attendaunce I service doone in the seid Office dyvers and sundry waies within the same tyme I in full satisfacon for all his disbursement? for necessaries imployed in the seide office I expence in the affares therof for, c. by him demaunded. In the whole alowed but; lxvj. viijd.

Proptymakers, Imbroderers, Habberdasher and theier sevaunt tattendant by the daye at; xlv". viij. xd.

The Mr at iiijs. p diem;	daies 80	•	night	ia 	ıı. XİX	viij	Offycers for
Clerkcomptrowler at ij.;							theier diett
The Clerke at ij	80	•••	17	•••••	ix	xiiij	vidz,
The Yomen at ij	80		17	•••••	ix	xiiij	
				3	dviij	x	

Sm^a of all the Wages in December, January, and February ao RR^{nee} Eliz. pd. xv^{to} cc.xxxvij¹¹. xix^a. vj^d. ex^r. John Fortescue.

Henry Sekeforde. Edward Buggyn. Thom^{*}s Blagrave. John Arnold.

Emptions t provizions for Christm's tc. as before a RR^{ns} Eli2. xv^{to} vid2

Philipp Gunter for iiij iiij peece of Buckeram at iiij. thupholster. the peece amounting unto; xvj. xvj.

John Arnolde for iiij lb Redd Thred; xiij. iiijd. for Necessaries. iij lb Blew Thred; x. for ij lb di. of gold thred; viij. iiijd. iij lb Black Thred; vj. x lb di. White thredd; xxxiij. iiijd. For Cariage of Rubbish owte of the howses; xijd. For flower to make paste; vjd. Pap; iiijd. ij oz. di. of sylke v. Tape iij q. of lb iij. Bumbast to make snoballs; v. vjd. Lynnen cloth to lyne a Jerken t slops for Farrant? soon; ij. iiijd. For Glew t paste; xijd. Cruell to cut for frozen head?; vj. Arsedue to cut for the same head?; ij. Bumbast to stuf Rowles for the Turk? heade; ij. vjd. Cotten to lyne the Jerken t

slopps aforeseide; ijs. ijd. Gloves for the Children of Eaten, ij dosen xs. Gloves for Maskers, vj paier; iiijs. Gloves for Torchebearers vj paier; iij. Pinnes. M; xijd. Tape. di. ib; ije. Cariage of Baskete to t fro the water syde; ijs. Rewards to the Taylers; iijs. Horshyer & charges at Hampton Coorte in the Christmes; x*. For Bente for fardngales; v*. iiijd. Red thred. j Ib; iij. iiijd. Blew thred. j Ib; iij. iiijd. White thred iiii lb di. xvs. Cotten syards to lyne ij pe of hoze for Mükesters playe; ij. Yolow t greene thred ij lb vj. viijd. Felte for Women t felte for men, xx. bente; iij. iiijd. Gloves for the children of Wynsor, ij dozē, 't for maskers xvj pe xx*. iiijd. Black thred j bolte; iiij. pinnes tape; xvd. Flowers t past; vjd. Rewarde to the Taylers & Habberdashers; iiij. White thred iij ib; x. Botehier t charge at Kingston on newyeres daie, vo. The charge there on twelf daie wt bothyer; vij. ijd. Billete M; xiij. iiijd. Coles for thimbroderer; vid. Bumbast to stuf the Rowles of the hatte for the wemen maskers, ij. viijd. Coles xijs. Shethes for maryners; xijd. White Thred ij lb; vjs. viijd. Pynnes 't Tape; xiijd. Redd Thred; xxd. j lb blew thred; iij. iiijd. more Red Threde j fb di; v. other coollerd thred; ij. vjd. Gloves for Munkesters boyes ij doz. x. Black gloves xij paier; iij. Pinnes 't tape; iiij. vjd. Gloves (1 dozen) for the Ladye Maskers; xo. for the Lorde gloves; vjs. vjd. for the Torcheberers gloves; iij. Past pap; iiij. cariage ? recarriage of basket(ij. xvij^{ll}. xij.

Propertymaker and his percells. John Carow for sparres to make frames for the players howses; ix^a. vj^d . Canvas, at x^d . thell for a monster vij ells; v^a . x^d . A nett for the Fishers maskers; x^a . vj^d . for wooll to stuf the fishes; xij^d . ij speares for the play of Cariclia; xvj^d . A tree of Holly for the Duttons

playe; iij. iiijd. other Holly for the forest; xijd. A Traye for Fishermen; vijd. A mace; xijd. Turky bowes; ijs. Arrowes; xijd. sparres caryed to hampton coorte; ijs. packthred; iiijd. A planke; xijd. A new fawchyn, iij. iiijd. the mending of v ffawchins; vs. A Palmers staf; xijd. A Desk for farrante playe iije. Boordes to brace the scaffolde; vjd. A vyzarde for an apes face; iij' iiij'd. Glew j fb; iij'd. A keye for Janus; ij". A Monster; xx. An awlter for theagines; iij". iiijd. Dishes; iiijd. Egge couterfet vij doozen; xiiije. Roches couterfet vj. Whitings xxiiij; vj. Knyves for marryn's; xijd. Thornebacke; iiij. Smelte iij dozē; iijs. Mackerells; iijs. Flownders; iijs. An Image of canvas stuft; iij. Boorde to beare lighte for the hall; iiij.-cariage of the Awlter from the Warderobe to Powles wharf; iiijd. A Ladder; xviijd. A ffootepace of iij stepps wt Jointe xs. Nayles v.c. of single tenns; iiijs. ijd. Dubble tens; xviijd—syxpeny nayles; xviijd. - three peny nayles; ixd. - twopeny nayles; viijd. Tack e vjd. Hoopes for the monster; xd. vijh. xis. iijd. In all.

Robert Moorer for suger plate; xij. viijd. Musk Thappotikumfette j lb; ij. iiij. Corianders prepared j lb; xx. cary and his percells Clove Cufette j lb ijs. iiijd. Synamon kufette; iijs. Rose water j quarte 't j pynte of spike water; iijs. iiijs. Gynger Cufette j lb; ij. All whiche served for fflakes of yse 't hayle stones in the Maske of Janus, the Rose water sweetened the balls made for snowball psented to her Matte by Janus. xxvij*. iiijd.

John Arnolde yoman of thoffice for mony by him paid Paynting to Arnolde the paynter for the picture of Andromadas; x. To Anthony the basketmaker for patternes; x. in all. XXª.

Banketting frutes necessaryes Botehier and Rewardes

Thomas Blagrave esquier for mony by him disbursed in Rewarde to Muzitians that plaide at the proofe of Duttons play; ij. vjd. To Robert Baker for drawing of patternes for the playe of fortune 't altering the same; vj. viijd. For suger for Marchepane stuf at xiijd. ob. the to viii to; ix. Almons. v to v. ffyne Cakes iii doozen; vije. vjd. Gu Dragacanth; iiijd. Rose water 1 pynte: xiiijd. Baskette ix 't a mace wickerd by vandervaloy; x. Gowlde leaves to gilde the Marchepane stuf; xijd. Almonds againe, iij ib di. iije. vjd. Baskette boughte of Adrianson ij ij. Frute for Banketting; ij. ixd. Lynke 't botehier; xxd. Portage to 't fro the wat syde; xiiijd. Banketting frutes iij Ib di at iijs. iiijd. the lb xje. viijd. Dishes of suger vj; xije. For Marmellad; xijd. Cloves & saferne; ijd. Quince j fb; ije. viijd. Cloves; iiijd. Botehier to the Coorte wt & for Mr Forteskue; xviijd. the hier of a Bardge for a Maske; vije. for portage pd. to Lam; iije. vjd. A Whirey to L fro grenewiche; ij. pap for the baskette of ffrute; xiiijd. Cariage of a Hamp to I fro Billingsgate; iiijd. Thomas Booreman for spice by him pvided; iij. Boorne for lending his skales 't weighte; iiijd. Botehier to 't fro grenewiche; ijs. vjd. Egge. c.; ijs. ixd. syna. mon t gynger; xxijd. to Mr Buggyn for mony by him pd. for botchier t barge hier to the Coote on shrovetewsdaie; x1. Frute couterfete bowghte of Brayne thappoticary; x*. To Wm Buston for his Bardge iii Nighte at shrovtide; xxvj. horshyer t Waggonhier wt charge at Hampton Coorte; liiij. Lynke 't torches there; iiij. iiijd. Rewarde there; iiij. xd. Billette ij Thowsand di. bowghte of Newman; xxxiij. iiijd. A Table; ve. Wyer 't hookes; ije vje. Rewarde to boyes; viijd. To Benbow for playeng in the Monster: ija vjd. And to Robinson for Wrkemanship & neccies; vjs. viijd. xiijli. vjs. xd.

Thomas Leverett for small Candelsticke iiij dozē; Wierviij. For xij high Candelsticke; vj. vice candelsticke xij; xij. Dubble plate (ix) candelsticke; ij. viij. Bellowes ij payer; vjo. viijd. Lanthornes of middle syze; xo. One greate Lanthorne; v. Bastard wyer, ij fb; ij. Lattyn wyer, j lb; xxd. Come brushes to dresse the heares; ij. Lattyn Rings; xijd. one qu. of Lattyn; vjd. Rose Nayles; viijd. spanish Needells; xxd. Another greate lanthorne; v. A chayne I hooke to hang it by in an entery; xiiijd. long spanish nedells ij; iiijd. Packneedells; ijd. square packneedells; viijd. One shipp for frankensens; iij. iiijd. One greate rownde plate; xijd. Fyne wyer di. İb viijd. Keye cheyne xij yerds; viijs. Rownde plates for sockette; xxxijs. Wyer to hang them by; iij. Nayles M.; xxd. Bynding wyer; xijd. c.xvij. xd.

Thomas Blagrave esquier for more mony by him payde Mouldes for for Mowldes to cast the frutes I ffishes in I to the the frutes. weemē that tempred the stuf 't made up the same; xx*.

William Pilkington for ij peece of greene garding for Thimbroij patternes; iij. iiijd. The patterne of a heade peece derer. with leaves of Cloth of golde; vj. viijd. Thimbrodering of iiij yarde di of yolow garding Imployed on the mores heade; xv. pasting t tyting of sattyn for vj head peece; iij. iiijd. for iiij yarde garding for ij Myters; xiijs. iiijd. A patterne for a hed peece with comptemt(; vjs. viiijd. for making of a yarde di more of yolo garding to pforme liij. iiijd. the Fyshers capps; v.

Thomas Clatterbooke for Nayles; iiijd. Browne Necessaries Thredd for the paynters; ijs. Locke for the baskete Cariages vi; ij. pchement for Meazures; ijd. Buttons for Bus- and Rekins 't Jerkyns; iij. Botehier to Kingsto on twelfe

Nighte; ij. Thred at Kingstö; xvjd. Cariage of stuf from Kingston to the Coote t back agayne; iij. A Bardge to cary all the stuf fro Kingsto to Brydewell; xij. vjd. fro Bridewell to saint Jones; xvjd. vyzarde vj; xvd. Buttos j groce; xijd. foyle for vyzarde; viijd. Billete t Coles; xd. xlv. ijd.

Buskinmaker. John Farrington for making of vj. payer of wte velvett Buskins at xx^d. the payer fynding lether him selfe for the sowles; x^s. for making of iij payer more of Rone lether 't wte velvett at xvj^d. the payer: iiij^s. for one Roneskin; xx^d. for Buckels; ij^d. And for making of iij payer of crymsen satin Buskins; iiij^s. xix^s. x^d.

Habberdashers for Beardes and heare &c. John Owgle senior for viij long white Berde at xxd. the peece; xiij. iiijd. Aberne Berde ij 't j Blackfyzicians bearde; xiiijd. Berds White 't Black vj; viijd. Heares for palm's ij; ijd. viijd. Berde for fyshers vj ixd. Curled heare for fyshers Capps; xijd. Redd Berde vj; ixd. lvijd. viijd.

Silkwaver.

Willem Bowll Pveyor of ffrenge t Lace të. for mony by him disbursed for Frenge t bone Lace të of fyne copp sylver at xviije. the o2. M. iiij oz. ; lxxvi. vije. iiije. ob Freng of cullerd sylk t thred at xij the oz. xv ozce. xve. Pap Riall t other pap for patternes të. xxxije. Spangles at xije. the M 8 M; viiije. Buttons t tassells of Copp silver at ije. the o2. c.c.lxiij oz. di. qrte; xxvji. vje. iije. Spanggles at viije. the M 10000; vje. viiije. Buttons at 8e. the dozē ij dozē di.; xxe. Flowers; xiije. iiije. Fyne white Lam to make snoballs 8 skinnes at ve. the peece; iije. iiije. Fethers for hatte at xvje. the peece 4; ve. iiije. Boxes Lardge iiij; iiije. iiije. Lace at xxe. tho2. clxxviij oz. di.; xiiiji. xvije. viije. Buttons fyne wroght of Copp sylver for heade t

deepe frenge at 2. 6d. the o2. xxv oz. q.rs.; lxiij. jd. ob. One Tassell; xxijd. ob. Tyncell Ribbon at iija. iiijd. the dozē v dozē; xvjs. viijd. Aglette 600; iijs. Stones at ixd. the peece 48; xxxvjs. for setting the seide stones in Leade at iiij the pece; xvj. An Irish hedpece of Crimsen velvett all garnished wt frenge t lace; xiij*. iiijd. A greate hanging lock wt a keye to it; ije. vjd. A payer of Ballans with ij lb qtr of Brazen waighte; iiij. viijd. A dozen of Buttons. viijd. In all: c.xxviiji. xviiji. ixd. ob.

Wyllam Lyzarde for syze; xxvjs. vjd. Black, xvs. Painter &c. viijd. Redd; xvs. iiijd. Vert; vs. vjd. Sapp; iijs. viijd. Crymsen; va. White; xva. Browne xijd. Yolow; iiija. Smalt; xlij*. Potte & Nayles; viij*. ijd. spruce yolow; xxijd. Gowlde; xvs. xd. Silver; iiijs. ixd. Oker de Rowse; ijs. Glew; iijs. iiijd. ffoyle; vijs. vjd. fflorrey; iiij. Copp culler; xxd. shave russet to smoothe the egge: viijd. A Fedew; iije. iiijd. Cullers for the sugerwike; xijd. the hier of a horse v daies t his meate by the waye to Hampton Coorte 'tc; xiiij. vjd. Reduced by the Clerk Comptrowler in all to viijⁿ.

Henri Sekeforde esquier for mony by him disbursed Reparacons for Rushes in the hall t in the greate chambere where on the the wrke were doone the playes Rezited; xx*. for ij Leades &c. greate tables in the hall; xxviij. iiijd. for hanging up Tente to keepe away the wynde I snow from dryving into the hall 't taking downe the same agayne; vjs. viijd. Two long peece of Tymber of xx foote appeace to make a frame for the paynters; xs. and for ij of Billette & Coles where the playes were rezited in the greate chamber; xxvj. viijd. Itm more for wike doone by Rowland Robynson for the weh were bowghte; c.c.cc di. of Boordes to cloze upp the hall I other necessary place aboute the



same amung to; xxvjs. vjd. One dubble Rafter; viijd. di-M of vjd. nailes; iijs.-di. c of dubble xno; xvjd. Two mennes woorke x daies in boording up the hall t doing of other necessary things; xx*. for setting up of Tables & Boording upp of Wyndowes aboute the howse wher the Taylers wrawghte; iij. iiijd. Three quarters of a hundred of Boordes for the windos; iij. iiija. A ffootepace to sett before the chimney wher the Taylers wrowghte; xijd. for iiij woorkemen on saint Stevens daie iiij wrkmen the same nighte the Morrow after 't for ij men going to the Coorte to sett up frames for the seide Revells at ij sundry Tymes amownteth in all to the sū of; xxx*. To Rowland Robynson for vj daies at xxd. the daie; xs. and for ij of his men xv daies at xiiijd the daie; xxxv. Itm more for Leade bowghte of Sr Xpopher Drap; xviiji and for bestowing the same upon the Roofe of the howse adjoyning to the greate hall It for sowdering It mending dyvers other places; xlvj. In all as by iij severall Bills subscribed only by the seide Henri Sekeforde amoüteth unto;

xxxj^h. xvj*. x^d.

Chaundeler

Barnarde Fabyan for Seering candle at xvjd. the lb. 9 lb; xije. Cotten Candle 182 lb at 3d. le lb; lxxe. vjd. Corde and Lyne xv peece; viije. iiijd. staf Torches x; xije. Lynkes 18. vje. and for ij pannes and a pott; xijd. in all:

c.ixe. xd.

Itm more to him for iij dozen light? of cotten 't weeke: viij*. vjd.

Thomas Masters for Imbrodring of vj velvett hatte at his owne howse; xxx*.

John Davyson for glasse; ij. the tother glasier for his glasse; iiij. in all for them bothe; vj.

Edward Buggin Clerkcomptrowler for mony by him Necessaries disbursed vid2 -for Botehier t other charge coomyng Botehier Cariages to the Coorte at hampton at the begynnyng of the woork and Reby thappoyntment of Mr Fortescue; xs. for charge & wardes. wages of Thomas Lamber for going to Wynsor abowte Mr ffarrante playe by Mr Forteskues appointment; iiij. vjd. for xxtie. sack of Coles; xs. iiijd. for iij M of Billette; xl. One doze of Childrens ffelte; viij. ffelte for Mask(6; vj. Past paper lardge iiij dozē; xij. A waggen for the first playe of my L of Leisters men; xviijs. Rewarde to the headpeecemakers wiking on Christmas Nighte; ija. ffir powles; xvj t the cariage of them; vj. viijd. Itm more xxiiiju. furr powles t for the cariage of them; xj. To Henri Cellaweye for provizion t cariage of trees t other things to the Coote for a wildernesse in a playe; viije. vjd. Rewarde more to Lam; vjd. To clatterbooke for iij dozē greene Lace for a Jerken; iij. The hier of a Waggon for cariage to the Coorte at the second play of my L of Leicesters men; xviij*. Vyzarde with black Berde v; xv*. Vizarde with 4 Redd Berde; xij. In ernest for vyzarde for Turke vj xijd. To John Bett t his wyfe for one daye t one nighte spangling of the headpeece; iij. Itm more to ij Maides; ij. To Pilkington for xij fete for hedpeece; x. To Anthony the Basketmaker for vj hedpeece for Turke; xij. Rewarde to the paynters; iij. Lynke for the paynter; xijd. ij Squirte for the playe of the children of powles; viij. To the Waggenn for cariage of the stuf to Hampton Coorte the sunday next after xpistmes daie; xviije. A lock, a keye t a staple for the hall doore next the stayer foote; xxd. ij M1 Billette; xxvj^a. viij^d. To lambe for spunges for snoballs; v^a. iiij^d. To Robynson for vj quarters t a plank of iiij yeard? longe; iij. Tymber for the forest; ij. vjd. ffur powles caried to the Coorte; ij. ixd. Boordes; ij. Baskette

to s've for the Maske on New yeres daye; ix". To Callewaye for one that gathered Mosse; xijd. Coles ij bushells; ixd. To Pilkington for iiij dozē lace; iiijs. Aglette for the topps of headpeece; viijd. Muskovie glasse 't M1 bugles; iiij. viijd. To the Waggenner for cariage on New yeres daie; xviij. Coles x sack(; vj. viijd. To Pilkington for ix dozē 't x yarde of silke Lace for headpeece; ix*. iiijd. To Henri Kellewaye to go to the Coorte abowte the dubble Mask; iij. To pilkengton for turned pynnes for hedpeeces v dozē; xvjd. Pilkington for vij dozen lace more for hedpece; vij*. To Clatterbooke dawghter for cloth for Ruffs apornes, neckerchers 't Rayles for Eldertons playe; xj. vjd. for making them; xijd. Rewarde to the hedpeece makers ije. viijd. Itm for v Tuffes of Bugles to sett on the Janizes hatte bowghte of Wm Pilkington; iij. iiijd. To Mr Arnolde for his Botehier 't cariage to the Coorte at hampton on twelf daie viij. fflower for past; vjd. Nayles of sundry sorte at sundry tymes; vjs. Gloves for Maskers t children ij dozen di.; xij*. Pinnes 't Tape; ij*.

xixi. xix. xd.

Painting.

Itm more for mony by him paide to Arnolde the paynter for 't in full paym' for Andramadas picture; xx*. 't To haunce Eott? for painting of patternes for Mask?; xiij*. iiijd. In all xxiij*. iiijd.

Greencloth &c. or Necessaries.

The Clerke of thoffice for his ordinary greenecloth. Paper, Inck, and suche other necessaryes as to the same Office is Incident for the devices plotte, bills 't Bookes of this yeare, lxvj*. viijd.

Smª of all theise Emptions

cclxxiiij". xvij*. õb.

December, January, and February, anno RR^{nee}. Eliz. pd. xv^{to}

Sma of all the Charges growen in the said Office win

the saide tyme aswell of Wages as Emptions, amounteth vc. xiji. xvj. vjd. ob. unto

> John Fortescue, Henry Sekeforde. Edwarde Buggyn. Thomas Blagrave. John Arnold.

Ayrynge t preparacons made against the Progresse Marche, into Kent wt Translatyng, Repayring, ffurnishing, garnishing, setting foorth, Cariage, conduction 't attending August, Sepof the best and most ffyttest furniture of the same office to Cawnterbury I ther Remayning by the space of vij daies I then Returning with the same stuf to Saint Reginæ Ely-Johns 't there safely bestowing therof as apptayned. The whole Charges whereof together wt the Ordinary Charges and alowaunce of the officers t what soever ells win the same tyme of viij Moneths ending the last of October in the yeare aforesaide together with the parties Names to whome any mony is due hereafter pertyculerly ensueth: vidz).

Aprill, Maye, June, July, tember, and October. anno Regni zabeth xvto.

Taylers and others wiking I attending the premisse at sundry tymes win the saide viij. Monethes.

xxix". xv".

Proptymakers Haberdashers t others win that tyme against the Progresse vj¹¹. xvj^d.

The Mr at iiij. p diem	dayes	night 5		ii. ix	5.	Thoffycers
The Clerkcomptrowler at ij*					x	for theose viii Mo-
The Clerke at ijs. p die	40	5	•••	iiij		nethes theier
The yoman at ijs. p diem	40	5	•••	iiij		diett, and
		Sm	l ^a	xxij	x	wages.
Sma of all these wages		lvi	ij ^u .	vjs. iii	j ^d .	

Emptions ? provizions against the Progresse aforesaide.

Necessaries Cariages botehier and Rewardes. Edward Buggin esquier clerkcomptrowler of this Office for mony by him disbursed for a lock 't a staple, xxijd.; ffor ffoyle for vyzard? 't ffawchins, xxd.; another Padlock, xijd.; ffethers for hedpeeces viij, ijs. iiijd. A Dosen of very good wash gloves for the Ladyes, xvjs. Three dozen of Spanish gloves, xviijs. ffor Cranage of stuf at Billingsgate, vjd. the portage of stufe that followed the progresse, iiijd. the hyer of a Bardge from London to gravesende wt the same stuf, vs. for the wkmens breakefast at Billingsgate after theier night? watching, ijs. ffor one Thowsand of pynnes, xijd. in Rewarde, xijd. for Horshyer sundry tymes within the same viij Monethes, xxs.

Silkweaver.

Willam Bowll for vij dosen di. of Lardge sylke fflowers at viijd. the peece, lx. for xiiij ounce iij quarters of tassells t frenge greate t small of Copp sylver at xviijd. the ounce xxij. jd. ob. And for his Botehier t horshier to and fro caunterbury, xiij. iiijd. In all iiijh. xv. vd.

 $\mathbf{W}\mathbf{y}\mathbf{e}\mathbf{r}\mathbf{d}\mathbf{r}\mathbf{a}\mathbf{w}\mathbf{e}\mathbf{r}$

Thomas Leveret for wyer, xijd. Spanish needells ij dosen, xxd. Long Quilting Needells, xijd. Chaynes for the Marriners knives, iijs. iiijd. ij dozen of Redd Ringe, xvjd. And for his owne daies travell, xxd. In all xs.

Necessaires Cariages botehier and expences in Progresse. John Davyes for mony by him disbursed for Tape j ib iiij. A quarterne of Cullred thredd, x^d. di. ib of white thredd, xx^d. a nother quarter of tape, xij^d. A quarter of Cullored thredd, x^d. ffagott, viij^d. Bumbast, xij^d. halfe a ib more of cullered thredd, xx^d. Cranage of stuf, iiij^d. for Cariage from the waterside at gravesende to the wagon, viij^d. the hier of ij hackneies fro gravesende to Rochester to overtake the Carte it gett

another for speede, ij. for horsemeate t victualls at Rochester for the carters 't theier horses, xvjd. for horsemeate and the cart's meate at Cittingborne, iij. for ij hackneies from Rochester to Cittingborne, iiij. the Carters wages fro gravesende to caunterbury, vij*. vjd. the hier of ij hackneies from sittingborne to caunterbury, iiijs. for Rushes at Caunterbury, ijs. vjd. ffuell to ayer the howse 't the stuf 't to serve during viij daies there, ij. Lyghte there that tyme, vid. the Rent of the howse I hier of Necessaries there then, x. Cariage from Caunterbury to Cittingborne, ij. from Cyttingborne to gravesende, ij. vjd. the hier of ij hackneies from caunterbury to Gravesend, x. portage at gravesende to the bote, vjd. Cariage by Water to London, iiije. Cariage from the water syde to saint Johns, vjd. lxix.

Philip Gunter for iiij peece of Buckeram,

xvj*. thupholster.

Thomas Gyles for xij vyzarde for women t vij Turke Habbervyzarde at xxiiij. the dozen. In all amounting unto xxxviij.

dasher.

Bryan Dodmer for his attendaunce 't s'vice doone Necessaries within the office win those viij monethes aforesaide t for botchier his horshyer botehier and attendaunce in the progresse Rewardes with sundry necessaries by him emploied: lxxs.

John Arnolde yoman of this Office for mony by him Necessaries disbursed win the tyme aforesaide for yolow Cotton to lyne the Monark? Gowne at viijd. the yarde xij yard?, viij. To lyne his gerkin iiij yarde, ij. viijd. To lyne his hose iij yarde, ij. Canvasse for his gerkin, xvjd. Cursy Lyning 't hollon for his hosen, iij. sylke to sett on the garde, va. Thredd to sowe those iij garmente, iij. the wages of iij men iiij daies, iiij. for cariage of

certeyne peece of the wagon I mownte from the Warderob to saint Jones, ij. The Wages of a Joyner I his Man wijij others that tooke downe the greate presse I saving the wainskott, xijij. for caryeng foorth the Rubbish I making cleane the howse, ij. for Rushes, ijj. ffewell, vj. Thredd I other small Necessaries, v.

lxij*.

Smª of all theise Emptions

xxji. xs. viijd.

March, Aprill, Maye, June, July, August, September, 't October.

Sm^a of all the charge growen win those viij monethes: lxxixⁱⁱ. xvij^a.

John Fortescue.
Henry Sekeforde.
Edwarde Buggyn.
Thomas Blagrave.
John Arnold.

The Joyners for Presses, &c.

Itm more for new Presses to be made thorowowte the whole storehowse for that the olde were so Rotten that they coulde by no meanes be Repayred or made any waye to serve agayne. The Queenes Maties store lyeng now on the ffloore in the store-howse wch of necessitie must preasently be provyded for before other wke can well Begin. Whiche press being made as is desyred by the Officers wilbe a greate safegarde to the store preasently remayning and lykewise of the store to coom whereby many things may be preserved that otherwyse wilbe utterly lost t spoyled contynually encreasing her Maties charge.

Sm^a

JH.

not allowed for so moch as the same presses are not begon.

Sma Tolis of this whole volume contayning all the Charges growen win this Office Betweene the last of Maye in the xiiijth, yeare of the Reaigne of or Soveraigne Lady Queene Elizabeth. And the last of October in the xvth yeare of her Mattes Reaigne. Being One whole yeare and ffyve Monethes amoūteth unto:

m¹.cccc.xxviji. xiji. vjd. õb.

John Fortescue.

Henry Sekeforde.

Edward Buggyn.

Thomas Blagrave.

John Arnold.

[BOOK III.]

ffrom the Last of Oct. 1573, xv^{to} until the ffyrst of Marche, 1573 xvj^{to} The Booke of all the Charges growen within Thoffice of her Matter Revells aforesaide within the same Tyme being iiij Monethes including Christmas, Twelftyde Candellmas & Shrovetyde. During all which tyme Thomas Blagrave esquier, served therin as Master, according to her Mater pleasure signefyed by the right honorable L. Chamberlaine. Toward thexecution wherof the saide Blagrave herein also Chargeth him self with all suche her Mater Monye as to the use of the same Office hath cū to his hand ℓ .

vidz

Monye Received by the saide Blagrave owte of her Mates Exchequer at the hand of Tayler one of the Tellers there by vertue of a prive seale dated the xxiijth of December in the saide xvjth yeare of her Mates Reaigne.

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Betweene the laste of Oct. afore-saide xv^{to} and the xxth of Dec. 1573 xvj^{to}

Woorkes doone 't attendaunce geven by the partyes hereunder named abowte the Traslating, ffytting, ffurnishing, garnishing, setting foorthe and Taking in agayne of ij Sutes of Apparell 't furniture for Choyce of a mask showen at Greenewiche after the Mariage of Willyam Drurye esquier And lykewyse for the Ayring, Repayring, spungying, wyping, Brushing, sorting, suting, putting in order and safe bestowing both of thapparell aforesaide, and also of all the residue of thapparell, propertyes, ffurniture 't necessaries incident to the same.

Itm for perusing the whole store of thoffice pertycu-

lerly after the death of John Arnolde late yoman therof, comparying the Inventoryes 't likewise orderly 't safe bestowing therof againe.

. Itm agayne Lykewise perusing the store pertyculerly and delyvering therof by Inventory in chardge to Walter ffysh yomā of the same now remayning.

Itm sundry other tymes for calling together of sundry Players, and for perusing, fitting, & Reforming theier matters otherwise not convenient to be showen before her Matte.

And finally upon the entraunce of the saide Blagrave into the execución of the Masters office, for Collección t showe of eche thinge prepared for her Mates Regall disporte & Recreación as also the store wherewith to ffurnish, garnish and sett forth the same; wherof, as also of the whole state of thoffice the L. Chamberlayne according to his honors appointment was throughly advertised.

. The Charges wherof together wt the parties names that wroughte 't attended therupon, eche mannes nüber of dayes; t ptyculer dett due for the same ensueth vid2

Taylers to others the first at xxd. the daye to the residue at xijd. the daye 't the like for the nighte :

Sma xvli. iiija. viijd.

Proptymakers & Habberdashers

Smª xliiij.

The Mr at iiijs. by the dais						·Offycers
The Clerke at ij					kmij kliiij	Onycers
The Yoman at ij	20	•••	2 Smª	_	kliiij	

Emptions and other charges incident, vidz) Edward Buggin Clerkcomptrowler of this office for Cariages mony by him disbursed for Gloves for the Maskers &

Necessaries and Rewardes

Torchebearers at Mr Druries wedding, ixs. And for Cariage, Lighte, Botchier, expence, & Rewarde then & sundry other tymes upon sundry occasions incident, xxxjs. In all win the tyme aforesaide

Reparacons

John Dawney for mony by him disbursed for tyling ? mending the stable and other place incident to the Clerk xlviij. ijd. of this office:

Jorneyeng charges and Rewardes.

Bryan Dodmer for mony by him disbursed for fetching and bringing by water from Greenewiche certeine gilt Pillers & fframes, iiij. Horshier and Ryding Chardges for ij men that Rode post into Wilshere 't somersetshere for Mr Blagrave by the comaundement of my L. Chamberleyne and in recompence for his owen srvice this tyme together allowed by thofficers, lxs. all lxiiij*.

Betweene the last of Oct. 1573, and the xxth of Dec. 1573

Wages of Artiffic's 'tc. XVto. Of Officers

Smª vijh. xijs. ijd. xviji. viija. viija. хі^ц.

Smª xxviij¹¹. viij³. viij^d.

Emptions and other charge incident t alowed for that tyme amouteth to

vij^{li}. xij^s. ij^d.

The whole charges aforesaide is

Smª xxxvjii. xd. T. Blagrave,

Edwarde Buggyn. Walter fysshe.

Betweene the xxth of Dec. and the xjth of Jan. anno RRne. E. prd. xvjto.

Newyeares tyde 't Christm*s Twelfe tyde.

Woorke doone I attendaunce geven abowte the new making, Translating, ffytting, ffurnishing, garnishing, setting owte & Taking in againe, making cleane & safe bestowing of sundry kynde of Apparell, pperties, ffurniture I Implemente for the playes and Maske ffollowing set foorthe 't showen before her Matte win the tyme aforesaide for her Regall disporte & Recreacon.

The Charges wherof together with the partyes names to whome any mony is due or hath bene paid for the same pticulerly ensueth.

Predor & Lucia played by Therle of Leicesters ser- Playes vaunt upon Saint stevens daye at nighte at whitehall showen at aforesaide.

whytehall. vidz.

Alkmeon, playde by the children of Powles on Saint Johns Daye at nighte there.

Mamillia, playde by therle of Leicestere servaunte on Innosent? daye at nighte there.

Truth, ffaythfulnesse & Mercye playde by the Children of Westminster for Elderton upon New yeares daye at nighte there.

Herpetulus the blew knighte I pobia playde by my Lorde Klintons servaunt(the third of January being the sunday after newyeares daye there.

Quint ffabi playd by the Children of Wyñsor ffor Mr ffarrant on Twelfe daye at nighte lykewise at Whitehall.

vj all fytted and ffurnyshed with the store of thoffice and wt the woorkmanshipp and provisions herein expressed as followeth hereafter orderly ffirst the wages and then the Emptions with the other charge incident.

Lanceknighte vj in Blew sattyn gaskon cotes 't slopps Чc.

Torchebearers vj in Black t yolo Taffata to showen on Saint Johns daie at nighte.

fforesters or hunters vj in Greene sattyn gaskō cotes t slopps tc.

Torchebearers vj attyred in Mosse I Ivye Ic. showe on New yeres daye at nighte.

Sages vj in long gownes of Cownterfet cloth of golde tc.

Maskes showen at white Hall win the tyme aforesaide, vidz. Torchebearers vj in Long gownes of Redd damask showen on Twlfe daye at Nighte. In all iij all fytted 't thoroughly ffurnyshed with all mann' of propties 't necessaryes incident 't garnished and sett foorth accordingly.

Christmas Newyeares tyde Twelfe tyde.

Taylers t others the first at xx^d. the residue at xij^d. the daie and the like for the nighte.

Sma lvjii. xs. ijd.

Paynters at xxd., xviijd., xvjd., 't xijd. the daye.

Sma xxiijii. xvjs. xd.

Proptymakers.

Smª ix^{li}. xiiij^a.

Basketmakers.

Smª xª.

Joyners at xvjd. the daye

Smª lxxviija. viijd.

Carpenters at xvjd. the daye

Smª c.xª. iiijd.

Imbroders & Habberdashers

Smª xiiiji. iiija.

The Wierdrawer. Thomes Leveret the Wyerdrawer and his servants that attended sundry tymes and wrowght upon sundry propertyes t specially to hang upp the lights in the hall at xijth tyde

x.

Officers

The Mr at iiij the daye	dayes. 21		nights.	vij	8.
Clerkcomptrowler at ijs	21	•••	14	•	lxx
The Clerk at the like	21	•••	14		lxx
The Yoman at ij	21	•••	14		lxx
			Smª x	vii	. X8.

All the Wages aforesaide amteth to:

c.xxxj^u. xiiij*. ex^r. T. Blagrave Edwarde Buggyn. Walter fysshe.

Christmas Newyeares tyde 't Twelftyde

Emptions pvizions, Cariages 4 other Charges incident to the Affares of the said Office.

Mark Jarard for Crimsen sarcenet branchte all over The Mercer. with silver at iiij. the yarde lxvj yarde boughte cheefely to make Clokes for the foresters mask. xiij". iiij".

Willam Bowll for mony to him due for sundry pcells, The Sylkvidz. Bonelace of Copp sylver, xxvij ib viij ozce di. at xviijd. the ownce xxxiijli, ixd. ffrenge of like stuf at the lyke rate 28 lb 12 occi, xxxiiij^{ll}. x^s. iiij^d. ffrenge at ijs. viijd. the ownce ijb. v. occ. iiijh. xviijs. viijd. Frenge at xvjd. thounce, vj ozčí. di. Twist I Tassells of like stuf ij Ib ixosces qr at xviijd. the lxj*. xd. ob. ownce, Boxes to contayne the premiss? I for the ffethers; iijs. iiijd. Pap for patternes \(\frac{1}{2} \) for leaves of trees \(\frac{1}{2} \) other garnishxxiiij*. ingę iiij Reames vjs. xd. Ballence 't Wayghte for thoffice Past Boordes x doozen price xxxvj. ffelte at viijd. the peece. viijs. Sylke at xviijd. thounce 8 ounce. xijs. Tables to wryte in ij*. vjd. ffethers white 't Longe: 7. xxiijs. iiijd. ffethers Curled. XVs. A standish for the yoman wt couters \cdot\cdot\cdot\cdot\cdot iiijs. va. Buttons of Copper sylver x ounce di. at xviijd. the ownce xvs. ixd. A Chest w' a trebble Lock XXX⁸. In all as by his bill &c. appereth amounting to iiijv". viijs. ijd.

Lynnen draper Mⁿ. Dane for Canvas to paynte for howses for the players 't for other properties as Monsters, great hollow trees 't suche other xij ells. at xij^d. the ell. xij^h.

The yomans provision of sundry kindes of wares. Walter ffysh for mony by him disburced for vidz. Buckerams 42 peec? Redd, yolo, 't Russet, viij". viij". Greene at iiij". iiijd. the peece xiiij peeces, lx". viijd. Black at v". the peece, v". And one peece of very fyne Buckeram, xiiij". in all xij". vij". viijd.

Tyncell sarcenett Blew xj y ds iij quarters at xij. the yarde; vij. xijd. | iij yerd? quarter of white tincell at xij. the yarde; xxxix. | Gowlde Tyncell for vj band? for Maskers; xv. in all amuno ix. xv.

Thred of sundry Cullers, vz. | white vjib q,tr at iiijs. the fb; xxv. | ffyner white di. fb; ij. viijd. | Blew at iij. iiijd. the ib ijib di.; viij. iiijd. Red at like rate ij ib di. p'ce; viij. iiijd. | Greene at iije. iiijd the lb, iii lb di.; xj. viijd. Yolo at like rate ij lb di.; viij. iiijd. [Browne at ije. viije. the lb iij lb; viije. | Black j bowlte 't iij quarters: viij. ijd. iiiju. vjd. ffelte xxx^{ti} xxiiij*. Past pap Sarcenett white iij y'ds. iij q trs for a shirte; xvs. Gloves washt 't poynted for Maskers xij paier; xij. | for Torchebearers xij payer; viij. ffor Children v dozen; xxviija. vjd. Itm more for Maskers vij payer; ixa. iiijd. | for Torchebearers xij payer; vijs. lxiiij* xd.

Hear for hosen iij ib	4.	d. XV
Tape and Buttons	xi ij	٧j
Coles and Billette	xlj	iiij
Flannell viij yardes at ix4. the yerde	⊽j	
fflocke to stuf hattbande		xij

for the Mowldes I for Mowlding the frutes made of Rewardes the stuf aforesaide win this office in the preasence of Garver and the saide Blagrave vid2 Apples, peares, peaches, peas- others, codde, Mulberies ffilberde, Plummes, Akornes Cherries, ₹c. xŀ.

the hyer of a Cearce In all amounting unto;

iiij

iiij

c.iij

The Basketmakers John Ollyf for iij small Baskette made for patternes to for iij Bundells of Rodde to make vj more for the Maskers to cary the frute in; viij. for iij Hampers to carry thapparell; xiiij. One Baskett with iiij Eares to hang dylligence in in the play of pobia t for ij other Browne Baskette for thoffice; ij. vjd. xxiiij. vjd.

Beardes and heare

John Owgle for vij Long aberne beard? at xvjd. the peece; ix*. iiijd. | vij other berd? at xiiijd. the peece for the hanne? Mask at xvjd. the peece; viij*. ijd. | xij beard? Black 't Redd for the fforesters Mask at like rate; xvj*. | Heare for the Wylde men at xvjd. the lb iij lb; iiij*. One Long white Bearde; ij*. viijd. xl*. ijd.

Property percells.

Henri Calleway for mony by him disbursed for	or	
Mosse and yong Okes for Wylde me;	vj	d.
Poles 't Wande for the Lictors;	ij	
Bayes for the prologge 1 ppties;	_	viij
Ivy for the Wylde men 't tharbo';	V	x
Armes of Okes for the hollo tree;		xij
Expence at Higate one nighte 't ij daies for		
pvision hereof;	ij	
In all as by his bill amounting unto;	xx	vj
John Rosse for poles t shyvers for draft of the		
· Curtins before the senat howse;	ij	
Curtyn Ringe;		viij
Edging the Curtins wt ffrenge;		xij
Tape and Corde for the same:		x
fflower 't past w' a pott for the same;		vij
A Jebbett to hang up diligence;	iij	iiij
In all amounting unto;	viij	V

Necessaries

John Lam for j dozen of past boorde; iijs. iiijs. Pynnes & Nayles; ijs. iiijs. & for a porter yt brought Canvas; iijs. all:

vs. xjd.

Barnard ffabyan for sundry pcells of his	-		The
Sering candells j lb	li. s	a Xvj	Chaundler.
White light(at iij*. vjd. the dozē xxvj		3	
•	iij x j	1	
Lynke at iiijd. the peece lxxij	xxiii		
Corde iiij peeces	iiij		
Lyne viij peece	J V		
Packthred	v		
In all amounting wt Torches viijs. unto;			
in an amounting will concerving a unity	vj Aviij	1.7.	
Willem Lyzard for mony by him disburce	ed for		Paynters
Syze I potte for the same;	s. xxxviii	d. Vj	percells
		xxij	
Nayles to strayne the canvas;	;;;	ix	
Synop di la price;	iij	xviij	
TX T			
White iiij xiij lb at iijd the lb;	xxiij	iij	
Lamp black xj fb at xvjd. the fb;	xiiij	viij	
Masticote j lb;	iij	vj	
Smalt xv lb at iij. vjd. the lb;	lij	vj	
Dark sinop j lb	iiij		
Vert iiij 1b;	x	iiij	
Redd xiij lb at vjd. the lb	vj	vj	
Vermillion di 16;	iiij		
flurry at vij. the lb j lb iij q. tr.	xij	iij	
ffyne Black j fb	ij		
Gowlde v.c. at ij. viijd. the c.;	xiij	iiij	
Sylver at xviijd. the c.m.viijc	xxvij		
Glew iiij 16;		xvj	
Cotten to gilde with iij q tra of lb		xij	
Tyn ffoyle	ij		
Assedue at iij. the lb vjib iij q trs	xx	iij	
Past and fflower;		viij	
Yolo coorse and Oker de Rooce	iiij	vj	
Past pap iiij dozen for pendente to the lighte	viij		

		8.	· d.
	Copper cullor;	iiij	
	Knopps of wood Turnde		xij
	Vert agayne;	iij	vj
	Sinoper paper;		xij
	ffyne Black more j ib	iiij	
	Pencells 4 other necessaries	ij	x
	sape j lb;	vj	viij
	In all as by his bill appereth amouting unto;	×	iiij ^u .
Buskin-	John ffarrington fer the making & solling	of vj j	oaier
maker.	of Startopps; viij. vj paier of Mossy bus	kins;	viij•.
	And vj payer of paynted buskins all for Ma	skers;	xijs.
	in all;	XX	viij•.
The Wyer- drawer	Thoms Leverett for sundry pecelle	rid2	a
	Wyer xxvj fb to hang the lighte;	xxvij	iiij
	Candellstick at ij. the dozen iiij dosē;	viij	
	Vice Candellstick at xijd. the peece ;	xij	
	High Candelstick at vjd. the peece 6;	iij	
	Plates for small Cansticke;	•	xij
	Plates for walls t for hatte;	viij	·
	ffunnells for hatte with long pypes;	iij	
	Rownde duble plates for the branches	J	
	that hunge in the hall I bare light?		
	viij doozen at x ^d . the peece; iiij		
	Launthornesiiij at vj. the peece; xxiiij.		
	t ij at xvjd, the pece; ijs. viijd.;	xxvi	viij
	for plating iiij ffawchyns;	J	x
	staples vj price		x
	Lyne xxxvj yard?		xij
	Ringe for Curtyns		viij
	Pack Needells greate 't longe ij;		viij
	Bodkyns 't dowte for lighte		xiij
	Nayles of sundry sorte	ij	ij
	Timing of paracl aced interesting	-J	73

Roger Tyndall for Lending his Armor and for his Tharmerer sivente attendaunce to arme t unarme the children in the play of Q. Fabius; xlvj. viijd

Willam Elom for vj hornes garnisht with sylver by Hunters him delyvered into thoffice for the hunters Mask on New hornes yeres Nighte, which hornes the Maskers detayned 't yet dooth kepe them against the will of all the officers;

xviij.

John Caro for mony to him due for sundry	pcell		Property- maker
Holly 't Ivye for the play of predor;	iiij	d.	
ffyshes Cownterfete for the same v2. } Whiting, Playce, Mackerell & c	iiij		
A payle for the castell topp;		vij	
Bayes for sundry prposes;		iiij	
Lathes for the Hollo tree;		xvj	
Hoopes for tharbor 't topp of an howse;	iiij	хj	
A Mace for the sargeant at armes;		xij	
A Trunchin for the dictator		xx	
Past 't paper for the Dragons head;		xviij	
Deale boordes for the senat howse;	ij	viij	
Glew 't glew pott;		iiij	
ffagbroches for the knobbe of the tree;		ij	
A long staf to reache up and downe ye lighte;		viij	
ffawchions for ffarrante playe iiij;	iiij		
Pynnes styf & greate for paynted clothes;		ix	

Nayles v2. | tenpeny nayle c.di.; xvd. | syxpeny nayle vij.c di.; iiij. ixd.; fowerpeny Nayles v.c xxd | threepeny Nayles vij.c; xxjd. | twopeny Nailes M; xxd. |

Tackę vj.c; ixd. Itm more sixpeny Nayle flowerpeny Nailes iiij; xvjd. In all florense ij 't stooles xij in all;	cc; xi xiij*. xix	ij ^d . iiij
knobbs for the senat howse		xvj
Itm more for Nayles of sundry sort? by him browght in 't imployed in thoffice	viij	
In all as by his bill appereth;	lxix	ix

The Carpenter

Rowland Robinson for stuf by him pvi	ided v2	
Rafters at xiiijd. the peece lviij;	a. lxvij	^{d.} Viij
Dubble Quarters at vjd. the peece. 12.	vj	
singell quarters at ijd.; the peece. 88.	ix	vj _.
Boordes iiij.c di. at vj. the C	xxvij	
Seeling Boorde j.c price;	vj	viij
Nayles by him employed;	хj	
ffur Poles lx price;	xxx	
Plank ij price;	ij	
Cariages to t fro;	iij	vj
-	viij ^u . iij	iiij

Patternes and leaves Cutt Willam Pilkington thimbroderer for cutting of laxij leaves we'n were cutt iij tymes duble vidil ij tymes in pap t ones in satin; xviij. for making of vj patternes t for cutting therof for samples for the gownes of Cloth of golde; iij. In all; xxj.

Cariages &c. Richard Gryme & others for cariage of the fframes for the howses that served in the playes & other stuf & apparell for the play's & Maskers, wt their attendance daye & nighte sundry tymes at Set Johns & at the Coorte betweene Christmas and the Munday after twelfe daye; xxvj. | Richard Tayler & Roger Atkenson; ij. | Geordge Haukinson & sundry others; vj. xxxiiij.

Lockes keyes haspes and henges.

John Collins for hinge to the Colehowse dore in

thoffice; xijd. | 't to others for Locke keyes, haspes, 't henges for dores 't windos; xiijs. iiijd. in all wt nailes; ij. xvis. iiijd.

John Drawater for Lynke 't botehier betweene the be- Botehier ginnyng t end of the wrke; xvijs. viijd. One Lode of Lynkes Coles; xxij. | in Rewarde by the speciall appointmt of wardes &c. Mr J. Forteskue to be geven to Mr Nicholas Nudigate; xls. And by thappointmt of the Mr; xijs. And for Taynterhookes 't other necessaries; iijs. vjd.

iiij^h. xv*. ijd.

Bryan Dodmer for Botehier & charges in suyng owte Rewardes the privie seale, wt sundry Rewarde by him geven for expedicon in obtayning the cch. afore charged as prest, and for his owne travell 't attendaunce in sundry affares of this office to him comitted at this tyme before mencioned; in all; lxs.

Willam Newman for vj M1 Billette; lxxijs. and for ffuell vj.c ffagotte; xxxs. And to Wm Wood for ij Lodes of Coles; xl. in all; vijli. ijs.

John Okes for a close stoole for the Maskers 't Players Necessaries to use at the Coorte; viijs. for Lyer to strengthen the hangings w' w'kee done by him 't his servante at the Coorte & sundry other Necessaries by him there used: xijs. xd. XX⁸. X^d.

All Themptions for Christmas, New yeres tyde Betweene 't Twelftyde w' the other charge, besides the wages is cc.xxviijii. vijd. And the xjth

ex^r T. Blagrave. Edwarde Buggyn. Walter ffysshe.

the xxth of Dec. 1573 of Jan. 1573. Anno RR^{uss} Eliz. prd. xvjto.

ffor Candell-mas Betweene the xjth of Jan. aforesaide and the ffyst of ffebr. 1573. Anno RRuse E. prd. xvjto.

Woorkes doone t Attendaunce geven upon the New making, Translating, ffytting, ffurnishing, Garnishing setting foorth and taking in agayne of sundry kindes of Apparell proptyes and Necessaries Incident Timocila at the serge of Thebes by Alexander for One Playe showen at Hampton Coorte before her Matte by Mr Munkesters Children. And one Mask of Ladies wi light? being vj vertues, likewise prepared t brought thither in Redynesse but not showen for the Tediusnesse of the playe that nighte. The Charges of all which with the parties Names to whome any mony is due or hath been payde for the same pertyculerly ensueth. vid2

Taylers \(\) others the first at xx^d, and all the rest at xvj^d, the daye \(\) the like for the nighte.

Sma xxx^h. xvj^s. iiij^d.

Propty Makers, Imbroderers & Habberdashers; Sm^a ix¹¹. xx⁴.

Paynters

Sma xju. xxijd.

Officers

The Mr at iiij. the daie	dayes 20	•••	night:	•••••	ıi. Vj	8.
Clerkcomptrowler at ij*	2 0	•••	10	•••••		lx
The Clerk at ij	2 0	•••	10	•••••		lx
The Yoman at ijs	20	•••	10	•••••		lx
•				Smª	χv	

All the wages $\left\{\begin{array}{ll} \operatorname{Artiffic^{rs}} \ ^{\circ}\!\mathrm{tc.} \ l^{\mathrm{li}}. \ \mathrm{xix^{s}}. \end{array}\right\} l\mathrm{xv^{li}}. \ \mathrm{xix^{s}}. \ \mathrm{x^{d}}.$ for Candellmas is $\left\{\begin{array}{ll} \mathrm{x^{d}}. \ Officers. \ \mathrm{xv^{li}}. \end{array}\right\} l\mathrm{xv^{li}}. \ \mathrm{xix^{s}}. \ \mathrm{x^{d}}.$ $T. \ Blagrave. \qquad Edward \ Buggyn. \\ Walter \ fysshe.$

Candellm's Emptions and provisions wt other charges incident

Walter ffish for mony by him disburse	•		The yomans
Buckerams vj peece at iiijs. the peece;	li. s. XXIIIj	d.	provisions
Gloves for the Ladyes Maskers vj paier;	xij		
Glooves for the torchebearers, vj paier;	vi ij		
Itm ij dozen for children;	xij		
Thredd of sundry sorte;	xvij	ix	
Tape di. fb;	ij		
ffelte for Boyes hate vj. iiijs. vjd. for			
womens hatte vj. iiij. vjd. and for }	xiij	vj	
Men vj. iiij ^s . vj ^d . in all for felte			
Hookes 't eies wt thackbroches		ix	
Keyes for the entry dore iij;		xviij	
Coles one Lode;	xxij	_	
Cariages by Land;	_	xvj	
Barge & Botehier to & fro Hamto corte;	xxviij		
Rewarde to the wrkmen to buy vit-			
tell at Hampton Coorte,	V		•
In all as by his bill, ic.	vij vij	x	

Richard Sharp for the wax and woorkmanshipp of vj The Wexpersonages with the rest of the propties on vj candell- chaundler sticke at viij. the peece; xlviij. | vj sweete lighte of white wex for the same; vij*. In all with ij*. toward? his expence at the Coorte; lvij.

John Ollyf for vij Baskette made of purpose to cary The Baskette the candellsticke t ppties t for certains small Baskette maker I iij greate hampers in all; xxvjs. iiija.

Robert Moorer for perfumes to burne at thende of Matches and the Matches; vjs.] 't for sweete powder made of Musk powder 't Amber; xj. viijd. | in all; xvijs. viijd.

Hawnce Eotte for sundry petternes by him made; vjs. Patternes for Maskes

	64 EXTRACTS FROM THE ACCOUNTS OF
The Turner	for vj Candellsticke of wood specially framed t turned for the prose to beare the ppties t lighte in the Ladyes Mask; xvj*. iiijd.
The Habber- dasher	for sylver paper for the Maskers sleeves iiij dozē di. at iiij. the dozen; xviij.
Silkwoman	for Buttons and flowers for Maskers hedde vij 't one silk tree for a device in one of the Candellsticke 't a box to put them in; xvj. A Border of edging for a womans hed; viij. xxiiij.
Upholster	for pendente of burnished golde for the Maskers garmente vij dozen; xiiij*. silk for tassells 't setting them on; ij*. Itm mor iij dozē; vj*. xxij*.
The skri- vener	for writing in fayer Text the speches dd to her Ma ^{tie} ; vij ^s . x ^d .
Cariages to Hampton Coo ^z te	for Cariage of fframes for the players hows 't brynging them back from the Corte to saint Jones 't for a tilt bote besides; in all; xx*. viijd.
Rewardes and Ex- pences at H. Coorte	To the paynters I others that went to Hampton Corte I stayed there that nighte as also the fellow that kept the stuff iij daies; xx ⁵ .
Property percells	John Caro for viij bills

fflasks t tuchboxes

Armyng swordes vj......

Truncheons xj;

Bowes vj;

Arrowes xij;

x

ix

٧j

iij viij

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THE REVELS AT COURT.		65	
Boorde for the lighte Long Poles to hang them Daggers; iij;		d. viij viij	
In all amounting unto;	lxxvj	viij	
Barnard ffabian for di. 15 seering candells; dozē of Candells at iij. vjd. the dozen; x thread j 15 xijd. Lyne one peece; xd. a gre	lix*.]	Pack	
xij ^d . Lynks ij ^s . In all		xd.	
Thomas Booreman for horshier iij daies (Coort we expende there,	to ham xiij•.		Horshyer
Willam Lyzarde for mony to him due cullers. v_2^2	for su		Paynters percells
Syze 4 potte	vij	đ.	
White x lb at iijd. the lb	v		
Black iij lb at xvjd. the lb	iiij		
Nayles;	,	viij	
Smalt iij lb at iijs. vjd. the lb	X	vj	
Masticote j fb;	iij	•••	
Ende di. 15;		viij	
sinop j lb;	ij		
Browne di. 1b;	••	ix	
Vert j lb	ŋ	viij	
sape j q.terne		XX	
Glew	iij	_•••	
Wex;		viij	
Golde	_	vj	
sylver	v :		
ffynegolde	v j	viij	
Vermillion	_	۸пЈ	
Byce 3 özce	ij iij		
A canstick of wood	пJ	-: :	
COLLEGE OF MIXAC		xij	

F,

fflower t past	li.	•.	d viij
shells of golde ij		ij	viij
shells of Sylver		iij	
fyne cullers for wex wrke		vj	
In all as by his bill appereth amounting to;	iiij		j

Silk weaver

Willam Bowll for mony to him due for ffrenge of fine copp silver at xviijd. vj fb xix ownce viijl. xijs vjd. Past boorde lardge iij dozen di xiiijs. Bawdericke t Tassells of ffyne copp sylver t black silk xij for the flaske t tucheboxes price; iiijl. iiijs. Tassells more vj ounce; ixs. In all amounting as by his bill; xiijl. xixs. vjd.

Thimbroderer Willam Pilkington for Tufting vj lardge kirtells of greene Sattin wt golde sarcenet all over wrought iiij^h. | iij samples wrought; xiij^s. iiij^d. A felt xij^d. | vij sylver buttons for hatte; vs. xd. A paier of Joyned tressells; ij^s. in all; cij^s. ij^d.

The Buskinmaker John ffarrington for making ij paier of painted Buskins; iiij. A paier of yolo ? Redd velvett; xxd. A paier of Russet taffata startopps; xvjd. vij.

The Wexchaundler John Izard for a proofe of pfumed light ij. vja.

Property percells

John Carow for seeling boorde C; vj. viijd.

Itm for Nayles by him dd to the Clerke custody x. in all; xj. viijd.

Perles and flowers

Martyn Hardrett for perles sett upon silver bonelace for the Ladys Maskers head? ccc 't odd; xxx*. Itm for vj greate Roses at xijd. the peece; vj*. | a smaler sorte xviij at viijd. the peece; xij*. 't for vij dozē di. at ijd. the peece; xv*. in all xxxiij*.

John Carowe for c plancheborde; iijs, iiijd, and for vj Planche sparres; iijs. iiijd. in all;

vj. viijd. boorde and

John Lam for spangles for the Ladyes Mask; v. | vs. xd. It for pynns dd to Caro for the Clothes; xd.

Spangles and pinnes

Granger the Bargeman for his Bardge & wch caried Cariages by the fframes & sū of the stuf to Hampto Coorte; xijs. land and viijd. 't for Land cariage paid to J. Hutten by Mr Bug- Coorte gins appointmt; iijs. xvs. viijd.

Bryan Dodmer for the charge of him selfe t others; Journeyeng wz]. Mr Nudigate I the Wexchandler Ic before can-charges and dellmas, whiles the chamber for the Revells was prepared It the stuf bestowed; vjs. And farder lykewyse re- Kingston wt mayning there till the Revells of candellmas was past t things safe Returned againe; xs. | And for his owne s'vice during the tyme of the w'ke aforesaide; xl' in all; lvis.

expences at H Corte and Rewardes

To Thomas Lam for his 't the wexchandlers Botehier Botehier to Hamton Coorte in post wt the white light(; v. | theier Returne ; iiijs. ix*.

Geordge Arnolde for his expence at the Coorte 't at expences at Kingston during all the tyme that the stuf Remayned at H. Coorte the Coorte in the chamber till her Matie came thorow that the same was bestowed in the clozet 'tc. and for sundry necessaries by him bowghte; all x. iiijd.

Willam Newman for ij M Billette; xxvja. viijd. Itm more to Willam Wood for a lode of Coles; xxij. xlviijs. viiid.

ffuell

Edward Buggin Clerkcomptrowler of thoffice for Bote- Bothier Rihier and horshier wt other expence at Hampton Coorte and Ex-I at Kingston Ic. at this tyme; xx*. pences

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Bryan Dodmer for botchier to t fro hamptoncorte after Candellmes to know my L Chambleyne his pleasure for mony due by this booke t likewise his pleasure for preparacons to be made against Shrovety; viijs. and for his expence at the Coorte t at Kingston during that attendaunce for that mattr; vjs. xiiijs.

All Themptions } lxiijⁿ. iiij^s. vij^d. ex^r. T. Blagrave.

Edward Buggyn.

Walter fysshe.

Woorke doone t attendaunce geven t provi-

wid2

ffor Shrovetyde at Hampton Coorte

pticulerly ensueth,

Shrovetewsdaye nighte.

Betweene the v^{te} of Feb. And the Fyrste of Marche a^o RR^{nse} E. p^rd.

sions made for the players and Maske showen at xvjto. shrovetide aforesaide New making, Translating, Repayring, ffitting, ffurnishing; Garnishing t setting foorth of sundry kindes of Apparell ppties furniture t necessaries Incident thereunto. And likewise the Taking in againe making cleane t safe bestowing therof t of the whole store of The Office. The charges wherof as also for all other Business thereunto belonging t wtin that tyme issued t due to the parties hereunder written

Playes
playde at
Hampton
Coorte as
ffolloweth.

Philemon 't philecia play by the Erle of Lecesters men on Shrove Mundaye nighte.

Percius t Anthomiris playde by Munkest's Children on Shrovetewsdaye at Nighte;

ij. | Throughly furnished garnished 't fytted with the store of thoffice and pvisions following;

Maskes showen at Hampton Coo^rte Warriers vij w' one shippm' that uttered speches Torchebearers vj the warriers had hargabusss Ladyes vij w' one that uttered a speeche Torchebearers vj. both we'h Masks were showene on

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ij | furnished & garnished wt the store of thoffice & provisions following.

ffor Shrovetyde aforesaide

Taylers and others the ffirst at xxd, the residue at xijd. the daie 't asmuche for the nighte.

Sm^a xxxj^{li}. ij^s. iiij^d.

Carpenters at xiiijd. p diem.

Smª xvjs. iiijd.

Paynters at xxd. xviijd. xvjd. \(\frac{1}{2} \) xijd. \(\text{p diem.} \)

Sm* xvjh. viijs. vjd.

Proptymakers, Imbroderers Habberdashers & Wyer- Property-Smª viiji, vjs. iiijd. makers Im-· drawers.

The Mr at iiij. per diem ... 23 ... 10 Clerkcomptrowler at ij 23 ... 10 lxvj The Clerk at ij. 23 ... 10 lxvi The Yoman at ijs. 23 ... 10 lxvj Smª xvi

Artifficers &c. lvj^H. xiij*. vjd. Offi- lxxiij". iij". vjd. All the Wages for xvjii. x. cers;

Shrovetyde

ex^r T. Blagrave.

Edward Buggyn. Walter fysshe.

ffor Shrovetyde aforesaide Emptions provisions t other charges incident

Walter ffysh for mony by him disburced; vid2 Buckerams xij peeces at iiijs. the peece ... provision Bladders xvj νj ffelt(vj..... Thread of sundry cullers t prices;..... xij viij Golde Sarcenett for one odd head; 1 q.tr... iij ij

•	Glooves washte vj paier for Maskers; x°. vj pe viij*. 't ij dozen di. for Children; x°			rers ciij•.
	Buttons j groce	li.	€.	ď. Xij
	Calles at viijd. the peece vij		iiij	viij
	Bande and Ruffe for children all span-		•	
	gled 8		xxvj	viij
	A Booke of Riall paper for ye yoman;		vj	
	Tape j tb;		iiij	
	A Whissell of $Sylv^r$ for a shipp M^r hiered;		ij	vj
	Ink for the Yoman;			νj
	Coles j lode;		xxij	
	Rewarde ? expense at Hampton Corte;		vij	viij
	Barge & Botehier to & fro Hampton			
	Coorte;		xxij	
	Carrages by Land;			xxij
	Horshier for him selfe 't his man ;		٧j	viij
	In all as by his bill, wt iiij fardngalls;		xij	
		хj		xiiij
The Wyer-	Thomas Leverett for sundry peells of hi	s wa	res. vi	đz
drawer and	Plates for the Braunches that bare the	li.	5.	d.
his percells	lighte in the hall at Hampton Coorte			
		iiij	хj	viij
	Wyer to strayne crosse the hall t to			·
	hang the braunches with the light?			
	viij lb at xijd. the lb price;		xxviij	
	Nayles M;		J	XX
	Candellsticks of dubble plate xij. price;		iij	
	Plates with holes for hatte;		iij	
	In all as by his bill appereth amounting		·	
	unto	vj	vij	iiij
Sylk Weaver	Willam Bowll for sundry peells of ware	, vz)	•	
Ny IN W CAVEL	Bone Lace of fyne Copp silver x lbs. a			
	xviijd. the ownce;		ij	

France & Buttone of the stuff Date till	ii. s. xlvi	d.	
ffrenge ? Buttons of like stuf ? Rate ijlb.		uj iij ij	
Ollyff branches t trees of silk;		njij	
A Box to contayne the primiss;	·		
In Reward for speciall sivice by him done;	_		
All which amounteth unto;	xv x	vj ij	
Willam Lyzard for sundry Cullers by him	pvided;	vid2	Paynters percells for
Syze;	vj		the clotes
smalt;	x	vj	and pro-
Byce;	iiij	i	perties
Ende;		xvj	
Masticot;	iij	i	
sinop;	ij	į	
vert;	ij	viij	
sape;		xx	
white;		xij	
Black;		xvj	
Vermillion;	į	j	
Sylver 2200;	xxxii	j	ffor Mask-
ffyne golde 200;	xii	j iiij	heades Wea-
Glew;		xij	pons gunnes flaskes tuch-
Syze;	v	j	boxes and
Vermillion;	i	j	branches for lightes.
sinop. j lb di,	ii	-	
ffyne white j lb	·	xvj	
ffyne Black j fb;	i	j viij	
xij shells of silv ^r ;	хi	-	
viij shells of sinop pap;	i	j viij	
Goulde iiije. at ijs. viij le c;		k viij	
Past pap v dozen;	3	ĸ	
Glew;		xij	
Assedue, iiij itb;	xi	j viij	
Golde culler j to di;	v	-	
The Grinding of iiij pe of sheeres;		viij	
Yron cullers;		xv.	
In all as by his bill;	vij xiii		

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Buskinmaker John ffarrington for making and selling of vj paier of purple Buskins wt Males painted on them; xij. Redd paynted Buskins ij paier; iiij. Yolow gold Taffita, 8 paier; xiij. iiijd. xxix. iiijd.

The Millioner Martin Hardrett tc. for iiij Braunches of Ollyffs made of greene sylk; iiij. | ffor the Tronchwomans heade t for vij Hatbande for the men Maskers tc. xlvj. viijd. In all

ffuell

Willam Newman for iij M1 billette; xla. 4 to Dawncy for j lode of Coles; xxija. lxija.

The ffethermakerfor vj band? of ffethers for the Men Maskers t one for the Tronchewoman in all vij price; liijs. iiijs.

The Carpenter Rowland Robynson for iij Elme boordes t vij Ledges for the fframes for the players t for Nayles tc.

iijs. viiid.

Itm for vyces to wrest? to draw the wyers tighte wheron the light? did hang crosse the hall iiij.

Horshier and Jorneyeng charges Thomas Booreman for mony by him layd owte sundry tymes for the hier of Horses and for their meate whiles they travelled 't remayned at Kingston 'tc. ffirst the xxth of ffebruary for ij Gelding to osterly 't to Hampton Coote to know my L. Chamberlens Pleasure 't back againe to saint Jones 't likewise to the Coote againe 't there remayning vij daies at xxd. the daye 't theier charge at Kingston 'tc. together. xxxixa. iiijd.

Cariages by land and by Water John Drawater for Cariage of fframes 't painted Clothes for the players howses to hampton Corte attending the same there till service therw' was past and so returning the same. In all w' the Carters and Car-

penters expence there whiles thay wayted I the Carmens wages 't horshier for him selfe; xxxv. iiijd. And for Boote and Bardgehier to I fro the Coorte wt certayne other stuf; xvjs. 8d. In all wt his botchier sundry tymes to Westminster for the children that served the Mask. lis. iiijd.

Itm for the diette 't Lodging of dyvers childre at Diett for saint Jones whiles thay Learned theier pte t Jestures Children meete for the Mask in wch ix of them did serve at fore Shrovexxxiija. iiijd. tide. Hampton Coorte;

Maskers be-

John Owgle for xiiij Bearde Marquesotted at xvid. the The vyzardpeece; xviij. viijd. 't for egge to make cleane vizarde: iijd. And for his wages or reward for his srvice at this tyme before omitted; xs. viijd. In all; xxix⁸. viij^d.

Thomas Lamb for the Carmen to that caried certayne Land of the stuf in hamps to the water to wt iiijd by him paid Cariages for bladders in all; xxd.

To Bruton of Powles wharfe for a Bardge 't vj ores Bardgehier with ij Tylt Whirreyes that caryed the Masking geare and Botehier The Children wt theier tutors and an Italian Woman to to co'te Dresse theier head? as also the Taylers ppty makers & haberdashers; xxiiij.

To Wm Skarboro for ffyer 't vittells for the Children Expences at I theier attendant? whiles they wayted to know whether her Matte wolde have the Maske that nighte;

the Corte on Shrove ixs. vjd. Mundaye.

Lodging, ffyer, t vittells for the children t Women yt wayted tattyer them wt others yt were appointed to stay till the Mask were showen and for theier dynners the next daye being Shrovetewsdaye there; xiiija. viijd. aforesaide

Expenses at Kingston on Munday Nighte

The Barber for trymmyng the Children on Shrovetuisdaye; xijd.

Expenses at the Coorte on Shrovetwisdaye To Skarboro for the Childrens supps 't the Womens supps w' the Rest of thattendant?; ix^s. x^d.

Expenses at Kingston on Shrovetwisdaie nighte

To Mother spare for the childrens lodgings wt ffyer t ffoode that nighte t in the Morning whiles thay staied for botes; xij.

Bardge and Botehier from the Coo'te To Bruton for his Bardge ? ij whirreyes to cary the children ? stuff back to Londō and for his wayting daie ? nighte to cary the Children betwene the Coorte ? kington; xxvs. vjd.

Expenses at the black ffryers on ash Wednes- hungry;

To Thomas Totall for yer t vittells for the Children when they landed sū of them being sick t colde t hungry; vi s. vjd.

Rewardes and hier of Womens heares for the Children

To the Nine Children that served at y Coorte; ix . |
To the Italian Woman ther dawght for Lending the heares to. t for theier s vice t attendaunce; xxxiij . iiij d.
To N. Nudigate by thappoint at the request of Mr Fortescue in respect of his s vice t paines w the childre and otherwise. x l . And to Bryan Dodmer for his paynes sundry waies imployed; x l . v j l . iij d .

Horshier and Botehier Edward Buggin clerkcomptrowler for mony by him disburced for the hier of Horses to Hampton Coorte their expence there that Kingston this likewise for his Botchier sundry tymes wt rewarde geven to other expence in thaffares of this office;

Necessaries for

The Clerk for his ordinari Greene cloth, pap Ink, Cownters to ther Necessaries incident to his office:

lxvj^s. viij^d.

Sma iiijli. vja. viijd.

All Themptions to for Shrovetyde is lxxiiij". x*. iiijd exr.

T. Blagrave. Edwarde Buggyn. Walter fysshe.

The Totall sū of this whole volume according to the devision therof; vid2.

wages { Artifficers 'tc. $xvij^{ii}$. $viij^{ii}$. $viij^{ii}$. $\begin{cases} xxviij & viij \end{cases}$ and $\begin{cases} xxviij & viij \end{cases}$

Emptions t other charges yt tyme;..... vij xij ij

Sma xxxvj x Mr Druryes
Wedding

wages { Artifficers $c.xiiij^{i}.iiij^{s}.vj^{d}.$ } c.xxxj xiiij vj of Offycers: $xvij^{ii}.$ $x^{s}.$ }

Emptions to other charges then...... cc.xxviij vij

Sma ccc.lix xv j Christmas.

wages { Artifficers; ${}^{\circ}$ tc.... l^{μ} . xix^s. x^d. } lxv xix x of Officers; xv^{μ} .

Emptions to other charges then. lxiij iiij vij
Sm² c.xxix iiij v Candellm²s

wages { Artifficers; 'tc. lvj'i. xiij*. vjd. } lxxij iij vj

Emptions and other charges then ;..... lxxiiij x iiij
Sma c.xlvij xiij x Shrovetyde
In all as more pticculerly by the same booke appereth

amounting unto d.c.l $xxij^{u}$. $xiiij^{s}$. ij^{d} . as followeth more breefely.

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Sm^a of all the whole Booke as is before so here more Breefely. November, December January & ffebruari anno R.R^{ns.} Elizabeth xvj^{to}. p^rđ.

Wages Artifficers; tc; ij xxxix vj vj vj of Offycers, tc lx lx vj vj

Emptions 't all other charges ;..... ccciijxiij^h. vij^s. viij^d.

vj^c. lxxij^h. xiiij^s. vj^d.

T. Blagrave.
Edwarde Buggyn.

Edwarde Buggyn.
Walter Fysshe.

Canvas at Shrovetyde forgotten before Hereunto is to be added a peece of Canvas cont. xl ells which was browght into thoffice by Mrs Danes srvent at xijd. the ell it was for the howses made for the players then;

[BOOK IV.]

vidz). Revells in One Yeare.

The Booke of all Charges growen win the said Office ffrom the and by meanes of thaffares thereunto belonging for that tyme Thomas Blagrave esquier being appoynted Master RRame Elizaof the same (as by sundry Letters from the Lorde Chamberlaye maye appeare) He proceded therein Geving attendaunce, and making preparacon with other service 1574 anno Incident thereunto, as occasion required: for her Magestyes Regall Disporte and Recreacion, at tymes convenyent. Wherein the charges arose, and did grow as As well for him selfe; as also for others ffolloweth. hereafter ensuing.

Last of ffeb. 1573 anno bthe xvito Untill the Last of Feb. RR^{ne} Elizabthe p'd xvijmo

Firste.

ffor the Progresse to Reading &c. And Lykewyze ffor Betweene the Ayryng, Repayryngs, Translatynge, preparing, ffytting, ffurnishing, Garnishing, Attending and setting foorth of sundry kynde of Apparell propertyes & ffurnyture for the Italyan Players that ffollowed the progresse and made pastyme fyrst at Wynsor and afterwarde at Reading. As also for the whole charges of those viij Moneths any waye Ryzing by the saide Office and thaffares therto belonging ptycculerly ensueth. vid2

the last of Feb. aforesaide 1573 And the ffirst daye of Nov. in the said vere anno RRne Elizabthe xvjto.

Taylers I others working I attending the premiss the first at xxd. the Rest at xijd. the daie 't asmuche for the nyghte:

Sma xlili, xjs. viijd.

	The Later of
Property- makers	John Carow t others Sm ^a iiij ⁱⁱ . xij ^a . vj ^d .
Offycers .	The Mr at iiijs the daye:
·	Sm ^a of all the Wages those viij Moneth? ending the last of October 1574 anno RR ^{nm} Eliz xvj ^{to} . Artyfic ^r s; xlvj ^{ll} . iiij ^s . ij ^d . } lxviij ^{ll} . xiiij ^s . ij ^d . Offic ^r s; xxij ^{ll} . x ^s .
	Emptions provizions and Expences within the viij Monethes aforesaide; vid2.
Canvas	Mris Dane for fforty ells of Canvas at xijd. the ell whiche shoulde have bene alowed in the last booke (before this) according to the entry there; but bycause it was entred after the Totall soom; and not subscribed by any Officer. Therfore the Auditor wolde not alow it there; Neverthelesse she was paide for that among the residue of her soommes in that booke due as by her acquittance remayning wt Bryan Dodmer maye appere so yt now her dett for this must be payd to the said Dodm.
Implementes and Expences in the Progresse for the Italyan Players at Wynsor and Reding	Thom's Blagrave esquier for mony by him disburced for sundry Implement? to occazions vid2 To John Carow for a plank of ffyrr to ther peeces of sawen wood; xvj. viijd. Itm for Iron woorke for a frame for a seate in a pageant; xv. Itm for the woorkmanshipp of the Seate or Chayer, te xviij. iiijd.

Itm for a hamp to carye the same together and for

cariage of it from Suthwarke wt Rewarde to carowes man in all; vijs.

In all by him paid to Carowe then; lvijs.

Itm for Ladles t Dishes to beare the light? at Wynsor for the Italyans and for payntyng t garnishing of them wt Reward? geven to dyvers whose Necessaryes and struct were then used;

xjs. vjd.

Itm for preparations to at Reading the xvth of July 1574 ao RR^{no}. E. xvj^{to}.

Golde Lether for cronete	iij	d. iiij
Thred I sheperde hookes;	•	xiiij
Horshyer vj daies. 3	xxxiij	·
Horsemeate at Reading	хj	vj
The Viteller at Reading for the dyett of		
sūdry psons;	xv	
Lamskynnes for Shepperds;	iiij	
Horstayles for the wylde mannes garment	iiij	viij
Arrowes for Nymphes;		vj
Lighte and shepperde staves;		vij
Hoopes for Garlande;		iiij
potte for the Paynter		ij
Packthredd, Glew, Lyne, Tacke, wyer, t		•
Coles;		xix
Plates for the Candelsticke;	iiij	AIA
Boordes for the plates;	****J	xvj
		-
Wyer to hang the lighte;		xvj
Baye Leaves & flowers;	••	xij
for paynting sundry device	ij	
Rewarde to vj Taylers there;	vj	
Howseroome for the stuf;	v	
The hyer of a Syth for Saturne;		iiij
Cariage of stuf fro Reding;	ij	vj
The hier of a Trunk;	ij	vj

In all by him the said T. Blagrave disburced win those viij Monethe aforesaide amoūteth unto;

viijli. xvs. iiijd.

ffewell and Necessaries w^t Botehier &c. Walter ffish Yoman of the saide Office for mony by him disburced for fewell; xxvj. viijd. ffor Thredd of sundry Cullers 't sundry other small necessaries; xiij. iiijd. And for Botehier horshier 't Riding charges wtother expence xx.; lx.

Jorneying charges

Edward Buggin gent Clerkcomptrowler of this Office for his Botchier, Horshier, Riding charge and other expence we that tyme in all; xx*.

Jorneying charges and Rewardes Bryan Dodmer for his Botehier, horshier, Riding charges and expence win this tyme of viij moneths as also for his owne struce and attendaunce upon theise matters & Reconynge untill thaccoute thereof be past,

lxvj*. viijd.

The hyer of apparell

Thom's Clatterbooke for hier of iij devells cotes and head? It one olde mannes fries cote for the Italian prayers at Wynsor vs.

Sm^a of all the Emptions pvisios and Expence for the Progresse 't those viij Monethe ending the last of Octob. ao RR^{uss} Eliz. xvj^{to} pd. xviijⁱⁱ. vij^s.

Sma of those viij Monethe Ending the Last of October 1574. Anno RR Elizabthe xvj¹⁰ Amounteth to Wages { Artifficers; 'tc. xlvj¹¹. iiij*. ijd. }68¹¹. 14*. 2d. of { Offye's;xxij¹¹. x*. }

Emptions; 'tc. xviij". vij.

In all amouting to;

iiij vijⁿ. xiiij*.

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Woork doone and attendaunce geaven Betweene the ffor Christffyrst of November (1574) Anno RR^{ne} Elizabthe xvj^{to}. Twelftyde And The last of ffebruary (1574) Anno RR E pdict Candellmas By meanes of Preparing, Newmaking, Translating, Repayring, ffytting, ffurnishing, Garnishing, and Anno RR attending of the Playes, Maskes, Apparell, ffurniture, Wares ppertyes, Stuf store and Implement of the saide Office for the apt setting foorthe of the same at the tymes aforesaide. The whole charges wherof aswell for the wages as for wares, Cariages, Jorneyeng charges 't all other expence thereunto incident hereafter ptyculery vida. ensueth.

mas and and Shrovetyde 1574 Elyzabthe xvij^{mo}.

Taylers 't others. The fyrst at xxd. 't all the residue at xijd. the daye and asmuche for the nighte;

Sma of the Taylers tc. iiij xiiij viij

Paynters at xxd. the daye 't xxd. the nighte. Sma of the Paynters; xxxviji. iij. iiijd.

Proptymakers, Habberdasherf, Joyners and Carpenters.

Sma of the pptymakers c. lji. iiijd.

The Mr at iiij. p diem	81	ni 	ghtes 19		li. XX	Offycers
Clerkcomptrowler, ij	81		19	•••••	x	•
The Clerk at ijs	81	•••	19	•••••	x	
The Yoman at ij*	81		19		x	
				hoffic		

Sm^a of those Wages for November, December, January, 't February vz'. ffor preparacon of Playes 't Maske and for Woork doone at Christmas, Twelftyde, Candellmas 't Shrovetyde, Anno RRam Elizabthe xvijmo Amoūteth to ccxxxiji. iiija. iiijd.

Emptions provizions and Expence with all other Charges for Chrystmas, Twelftyde Candellmas and Shrovetyde Anno RR^{ns} E. xvij^{mo} Pdict. vid².

Thymbroderers percells Willam Pylkyngton for woork by him doone and mony by hym disbursed ffor Stytching a Cote and a payer of Buskyns with a hatt made all over with sylver coyne and for sylk for the same; xva.—A patterne for a Bande; ija.—The Imbrodering of vj bande for hatte for Maskers ritchly wroughte with venys sylva and for sylk and sylver for the same: iiija.—and for his fferriage at Putneye. iiija. xvija. iiija.

Propertymakers percells

Richard Rowlande for mony by him d	lisburced.	
for Nayles of sundry sorte;	ıı. s. xxxvij	d. Vj
Skynnes to cover horses:	xxj	
Glew and Hoopes;	iiij	viij
Horstayles & Manes;		xij
Corde and a Halter for an asse;		xij
Turning of pyllers;	iiij	
Leaves and Mosse;	v	
Cyzers & Taynterhookes;		xix
ffir Poles 12 at iiijd. the peece:	iiij	
Hunters staves;	iij	
Cariages;	ij	ij
In all Amounting unto;	iiij iiij	хj

Chaundlers percells

Barnard ffabyan for sundry percells of his wares. fyrst for white lighte 416 at iiijd. Ib ... vj xviij viij Seering Candell iij Ib at xvjd. the Ib... iiij

THE REVELS AT COURT.		88	
Packthread iij lb at xij4. the lb	. s . iij	d,	
Corde T Lyne of severall sorte	•		
Lynkes xxx at iiijd. the peece;	•	viij	
In all as by his bill more at lardge ap-	Х		
_	: :		
pereth; viij	1X	iiij	
Henri Devenish for mony to him due:			
for iiij plates for the Rock;	ij	x	Property-
Poste at xiiijd. the peece iiij price;	iiij	viij	makers per- cells
Upper peeces for the topp iiij;		xxij	CCITE
Quarters for the dore ij price;		vj	
Eves boorde 159 foote price;	xij	•	
Elme Boorde 76 foote price;	iiij	viij	
seeling Boorde 113 foote price;	viij		
Nayles of sundry sorte;	•	xiiij	
Lighte by him bowght 't spent there;		vij	•
Eves boorde more 47 foote, price;	iij	iiij	
seeling Boord more 17 foote;		xiiij	
Transoms ij price:		vj	
In all by him dd 't Imployed in thoffice;	xlj	iij	
Willem Tayler for mony to him due for			
Oken Inche boorde 200 foote \(\frac{1}{2}\);	xvj	viii	Carpenters
Dubble Quarters xxiiij;	xij	3	percells
syngle Quarters 10 at iijd the peece;	ij	vj	
Itm more xxiiij single quarters;	vij	vj	
A planck & Beeche for a ladder;	ij	viij	
Itm more for oke Inche boorde 100 foote 't iij	•	3	
quarters of a hundred and x foote in all			
amting to;	xij	viij	
syngle boorde di c t v foote;	iij	viij	
In all amounting together unto;	lvij	viij	
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Willam Hardinge for xxvj ells iij q trs of yolow Sarcenet G 2 Mercers percells

at v^s. the ell; vjⁱⁱ. xiij^s. ix^d. And for Russett Sarcenett xxxix ells at v^s. the ell; ixⁱⁱ. xv^s. In all xvjⁱⁱ. viij^s. ix^d.

Richard Barne for c.clxj elle q, tr srcenett of sundry Cullers at vs. the ell lxv". vjs. iijd. Greene velvet iij quarters of a yard; xijs. ixd. Whit sarcenett xxv ells at vs. the ell; vj". vs. Black velvett xvij yard? iij q, trs at 15°.; xiij". vjs. iijd. Itm more for j yarde di of the same; xxijs. vjd. Black Buckeram of the fynest pece j; xiijs. iiijd. In all

Sundry kyndes of wares provyded by the yoman and his expences at this tyme.

Walter ffyshe for mony by him disburced, vid2

·	li. sa	ď:
for Rushes, Brushes, and Rubbers	xxiij	
Thredd of sundry cullers t prices;	liiij	ij
Paper for patterns të iij quiers; Tyncell, ffelte A stocke	•	xij
Tyncell, ffelte A stocke	xix	
Damask iiij yarde q tr di. being greene;	xliij	ix
Taffata orengeculler of levant 5 ylds;	хj	viij
Copper lace ij lb xv ounce;	lxij	viij
Gloves for Players & Maskers;	c.ix	iiij
Tape for tyenge and strengthing;	vij	
ffurres of woolvering? for pedlers capps;	xxxiij	
Past boorde;	iij	iiij
ffewell by him provyded;	xxviij	•
Lighte besides the chaundlers peells;	ij	
Egge to trym the vizarde;	ŭ	ij
Sylk and Needells;		xvi
Breade to make cleane headpeece;		vi
Cutting of Garde;	xij	J
Beardes;	x	
Lynnen Lynynge;	٧	x
Cotten Lynynge	хi	viij
Vizarde 27 price;	iiij x	J
The hyer of a Marryners whissell;	j	iiij
	,	

THE REVELS AT COURT.	8	85
A sack for the players;ii.		d. iij
Heare to stuff bootes for the horses;	, 11	ով
and for ij payer of spurres; ii	: ;;	iij
Bottells for Pilgrymes, ij;	•	nj cij
Stycke ij Bundells		iij
Barge hyer and Botchier; ciii		 X
Cariages by Land; lxiii		vj
Ryding charges;	•	vj Vj
Reward(; vii		'J
Buckerams of sundry prices, 30 peece; vj vi	•	
In all amowntyng unto; xlij v		rij .
John Hill for Ten Thowsand of Billette by him lyvered into the said Office at xij. viij. the thow paid by Bryan Dodmer at thappoyntment of Mr grave. Therefore upon payment of this Booke the	san Bla	nd a-
Dodmer is to receive his mony agains namely; vi ^u . vi ^s .	vii i	jd.
vj ^u . vj•.	•	•
vj ^u . vj ^s . Thom ^s Leverett for mony to him due for Ware	•	•
vj". vj". Thom's Leverett for mony to him due for Ware for service done by him 't his s'vnt(;	•	nd Wyer- drawers percells
vj ^{ll} . vj ^s . Thom ^s s Leverett for mony to him due for Ware for service done by him 't his s ^r vnt('; ffirst at Christm ^s s 't Twelftyde aforesaide for	3 2.1 7	drawers percells and theier wages or
vj ⁱⁱ . vj ^s . Thom's Leverett for mony to him due for Ware for service done by him 't his s ^r vnt('; ffirst at Christm's 't Twelftyde aforesaide for Stock Candellstick('iiij doosen';	s am	nd Wyer- drawers percells and theier
vj ^{ll} . vj ^s . Thom ^s s Leverett for mony to him due for Ware for service done by him 't his s ^s vnt('; ffirst at Christm ^s s 't Twelftyde aforesaide for Stock Candellstick(' iiij doosen';	s and d	drawers percells and theier wages or Rewardes
vji. vjs. Thomas Leverett for mony to him due for Ware for service done by him 't his start(; ffirst at Christmas 't Twelftyde aforesaide for Stock Candellstick(iiij doosen;	s an	nd Wyer- drawers percells and theier vi wages or
vj ¹ . vj ² . Thom ² s Leverett for mony to him due for Ware for service done by him 't his s ² vnt('; ffirst at Christm ² s 't Twelftyde aforesaide for Stock Candellstick(' iiij doosen;	s and	drawers percells and theier wig wages or Rewardes
vji. vjs. Thomas Leverett for mony to him due for Ware for service done by him 't his start(; ffirst at Christmas 't Twelftyde aforesaide for Stock Candellstick(; iiij doosen;	s and	nd Wyer- drawers percells and theier wages or Rewardes
vji. vj Thomas Leverett for mony to him due for Ware for service done by him 't his starte; flirst at Christmas 't Twelftyde aforesaide for Stock Candellsticke iiij doosen; Vyce Candellsticke vj price; Vyce Candellsticke vj price; Cases halfe a doosyn price; Wyer xli fb di. and ij fb	an da da da da da da da da da da da da da	drawers percells and theier wig wages or Rewardes
vji. vjs. Thomas Leverett for mony to him due for Ware for service done by him this stant; ffirst at Christmas t Twelftyde aforesaide for Stock Candellstick; iiij doosen; vyce Candellstick; vj price; vyce Candellstick; vyce Candellstick; vj price; vyce Candellstick; vyce Candellsti	an da da da da da da da da da da da da da	nd Wyer- drawers percells and theier wages or Rewardes
vji. vjs. Thomas Leverett for mony to him due for Ware for service done by him this stvnt(; ffirst at Christmas t Twelftyde aforesaide for Stock Candellstick(iii) doosen; Vyce Candellstick(vj price; Bodkyns halfe a doozyn price; Cases halfe a doosyn price; i Wyer xli th di. and ij th xlii Curtyn Ring(iij dozen; A greate Lanthorne; i Rownd plates for the Branches at xd. the	an da da da da da da da da da da da da da	nd Wyer- drawers percells and theier wages or Rewardes
vji. vjs. Thomas Leverett for mony to him due for Ware for service done by him 't his stante; flirst at Christmas 't Twelftyde aforesaide for Stock Candellsticke iiij doosen; vyce Candellsticke vj price; vyBodkyns halfe a doozyn price; iiwwyer xli lb di. and ij lb xlii Curtyn Ringe iij dozen; xlii Curtyn Ringe iij dozen; iiwwyer xli lb di. and ij lb xlii Curtyn Ringe iij dozen; iiwwyer xlii Rownd plates for the Branches at xd. the peece viij dozen and ij greate plates	s an	d Wyer- drawers percells and theier wages or Rewardes
vji. vjs. Thomas Leverett for mony to him due for Ware for service done by him this stvnte; ffirst at Christmas t Twelftyde aforesaide for Stock Candellsticke iiij doosen; Vyce Candellsticke vj price; Bodkyns halfe a doozyn price; Cases halfe a doosyn price; Wyer xli th di. and ij th	s an d	d Wyer- drawers percells and theier wages or Rewardes vj vj vj
vji. vjs. Thomas Leverett for mony to him due for Ware for service done by him this stant; ffirst at Christmas t Twelftyde aforesaide for Stock Candellstick; iiij doosen; vyce Candellstick; vj price; vyge Candellstick; vj price; vg Bodkyns halfe a doozyn price; vg Bodkyns halfe a doozyn price; iiij wyer xli th di. and ij the saliii Curtyn Ring; iij dozen; vg Rownd plates for the Branches at xd. the peece viij dozen and ij greate plates for pillers at iijs. iiijd. the pece in all; iiij vg	an da da da da da da da da da da da da da	d Wyer- drawers percells and theier wages or Rewardes

Botehier to Hampton coorte;

iiij

Rewarde or wages for him 't his s'vente Namely for John Collarde, Edmund	ii.	8.	d.
Birchall, John Willmas & Wm Dawson			
for all their attendances 't s'vice			
this Christmas T Twelftyde aswell at			
Hampton coorte as in thoffice;		xlvj	viij
At Candellmas for			
Bitte wt bosses for the Hobby Horses;		iiij	
Cownters to cast awaye by players;		iij	
Buckles with penners vj paier;			iiij
Bellowes one payer price;		iij	iiij
Wyer for the Horses legge iiijib		iiij	•
Clavant wyer ij lb price;		iij	
Two pēny Nayles j m;			xx
Wyer ix th price;		ix	
Plates ij price;			xij
Rewarde or wage for him selfe t ij other			
then ;		xxiiij	vj
At Shrovetyde for			
xix branches to beare the lighte;	iij	iij	iiij
Wyer of the greate sorte to hang or to		·	•
strayne crosse the hall at H. C.;		xxv	
Clavant wyer viij lb;		viij	
Nayles vij c		•	xiiij
Rewarde or Wage for him t his iii			J
s vante woorking and attending then;		xx	
In all amounting unto;	xviij	xviij	vj

Thomas Blagrave esquier for mony by him disburced upon sundry occazions concerning this Office and Thaffares therof as followeth; vidz

26°. Novembris 1574.

Jorneyeng charges

Horshyer and charges by the waye at Wynsor stayeng

there ij dayes in November iiij daies for puzing & Reformyng of ffarrante playe & xlijs. vjd.

5° Decembre 1574.

Horsehyer to Hampton Coorte to confer wt my L. Chamberlayne the L. Haward, 't Mr. Knevett upō certayne devices 't to puze ffarrant(playe there againe iij daies the charg(wherof wt horsemeate at Kingston is;

xxvijs. viijd.

13º Decembr 1574

Coles j Lode t v sacke xxiijs. iiijd. ffewell for a keye t mending of a Lock; xijd. Necessaries Lynke ij viijd. to Rosse for a patterne; ijs.

14. Decembr.

The expence t charge where my L. Chamberlens peruzing and Reforming of Phedrastus t Phigon ing of plaies. and Lucia together amoûteth unto; ix^a. iiij^d.

15. Decembre

Coles j Lode and vj sacke;

xxiiij. ffewell

18 Decembre

The expence and charge wheare my L. of Leicesters peruzing and Reformmen showed their matter of panecia; x. iijd. iijd.

Itm for iij Torches that nighte;

iij•.

23° Decembre

Coles xx sacke at viijd. the sack;

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xiij. iiijd. ffewell

Mirors or lookingglasses for the pedlers Mask xij Habberdash small at ij. the peece and vj greater at iiij. the peece and ware. and for ffrenche pynnes in all; xlviij. viij.

26° December

The hyer of j Wagon t syx horses from London to Cariage. Hampton coorte the mony was p^d to Thom^as Smyth, xl^a.

20 Die

The charge and expense where my L. Clyntons perusing and players rehearsed a matter called pretestus; xiijs. Reforming of playes

21 Die

The Charge and expense where the showed ij other playes with iij. for torches 't iiij. for an howerglasse; xiij. iiij.

27 Decembr

	27 Decembr	
Habberdash	The same Thomas Blagrave for mony b	y him dis-
small ware	bursed for Gloves for my L of Lesters boyes	y ^t plaied at
•	the Coorte;	ijs.
	for Cariage of theier stuf I for the Carters a	ttendaunce
	that nighte;	x vj ^d .
	Reward to the Carpenters 't painters; 29 Decembre	ij⁵. vj⁴.
Jorneyeng	Horshyer and expence iiij daies from Londo	n to Hamp-
charges	ton Coorte; and the Remaynyng wt the Reve	ells ;
		xxxj. vjd.
Habberdash	ffrenche Pynnes it greate pynnes;	s. d. ix
small ware	Sylk poynt? Brayded 18 dozen;	xxj
for the Ped- lers Mask.	White 't sweete Inglish balls j dozen;	vj
iers mask.	Gloves perfumed ij dozen price;	xxviij
	sylk Twyst to tye the papers;	xij
	Laces of sylke iiij doozen price;	xij
	Venis Balls sweete j doozen;	xvj
*	Staves bowght of Carow j dozen;	ij vj
	ffayer wryting of pozies for the Mask;	vj viij
	1º Januarij 1574	
Jorneyeng	Horshier on New yeares daie to Hampto	n Coorte L
charges	theier charge there at Kingston iiij daies;	xxxij*.
nuonout:	fllowers vj dozen at ij ¹ . the pece;	xij⁵.
property percells	fflowers at iijd. the peece iij dozen;	ix*.
-	Long poles with brushes for chymney sweepe	•
	of Leycesters mennes Playe t for Mosse t	stycke and

other implemente for them;

ijs. vjd.

6 Januarij			
Horshyer I expence iij daies Resting at	•.	đ.	Journeyeng
Kingston;	xxv	vj	charges
To Ulrick Netsley for vyces viij doozen and			Yron woorke
v price together;	xxxiij	viij	for fframes and devices
for keyes for vices xvj price;	ij	x	and ucvices
Hinges xviij price together;	vj		
The mending of vice I nutte;		iij	
Plates 13 at iijd. the peece;	iij	iij	
A greate plate for the Rock;	ij	vj	
The mending of wyers 't staples;		x	
ij Barrs of Iron ix foote longe;		xviij	
sheepe hookes ? other hookes;	ij	хj	
Haspes 't henges for the stocke;		xij	
New nutte 4 plates;		xviij	
v Balls at xvj the peece;	vj	viij	
viij stepps t xvj pynnes;	iij	iiij	
Itm more to him for mending of vice and			
nutte wt other Iron woorke;	v j	ij	

To Roger Tyndall tharmerer for Lending of Armor Hier of Arfor ffarrant? playe and for attending the same; xj*. iiijd. mo*

To John Ollyf for a hamper to pack the vardngales in; ijs. The Basketmaker.

A nother greate hamper to carry a fframe in; viijs. ix little hampers at xxd. the peece for the Pedlers Mask; xvs.

x Browne Baskette; iijs. iiijd. Rodde for Lictos Bundells in ye playe; xvjd.

To Willam Davyson for viij square peces of glasse for The Glazier the Rock; viijs. for iiij other peece at xvjd. the peece for the same Rock; vs. iiijd. for ij peece to make shilde; iijs. iiijd. Other glasse for other place; ijs. And for

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his owne paynes this s'vente ij daies t ij nighte; vije. in all; xxve. viijd.

Wexchaundler Wax for a Cake in ffarrant eplaye;

iijs. vjd.

ffewell

Coles j Lode bowght of T. Daye;

XX8.

Propertymaker To John Rosse for vj branches of flowers made of ffethers; vj.—fflowers for Garlande iiij dozen; viijs. Long boordes for the stere of a clowde; vjs. Pulleyes for the Clowde and curteynes; iiijs. Botehier to the Coorte; viijs. Lynke to rec the stuf; viijd. Dubble gyrte to hange the soon in the Clowde; xijd. for sowing the curtyns t setting on the frenge for the same; iijs. Wyer to hang the Curtyns; vjd. vyces for the Pulleyes të iiijs. xlje. ijd.

Carpenter

To Rowland Robynson for Elme Boordes cc; xiiij. | Oken boordes vje; xle. | One Elme boorde; xxd. Oken boorde lxx foote; iiije. iiijd. Oken Rafters of xiiij foote long at xvjd. the peece; xxe. Beechen Rafters at xiiijd. the peece vj plce; vije. Itm more iiij Beechen Rafters; iiije. viijd. Cariage of Rafters; viijd. single quarters xxiiij at iijd. the pece; vje. ij more Rafters of beeche; ije. iiijd. A peece of Tymber xiiij foote; iije. Nayles of Sundry sorte; xije. vijd. A peece of Elme boorde for the clowde; xviijd. fyrr poles xij at vjd. the pece; vje. Itm more to Wm Barker for xviij firr poles; ixe. Cariage of Poles cc. xijd.

The Propertymaker

To John Carow in his lyfe tyme not long before his death; vjⁿ. And to his Wyfe after his deathe in full satisfaccon for all the wares by him delyvered this yeare into the said office or is to be by him the saide Carow his executors or admynistrators demawnded for any dett due

before the third of ffebr 1574 or not entred in this booke; vj^H. xiiij^s. iiij^d. as w^{ch} grew by propertyes, vid² Monsters, Moūtaynes, fforreste, Beaste, Serpente, Weapons for warr as gunnes, dagge, Bowes, Arowes, Bills, Holberde, borespeares, fawchions, daggers, Targette, Pollaxes, clubbes, headde 't headpeeces, Armor couterfet, Mosse, holly, Ivye, Bayes, flowers, quarters, glew, past, pag and suche lyke wt Nayles, Hoopes, Horstailes, dishes for devells eyes, heaven, hell, I the devell I all the Devell I should saie but not all, xiji. xijij. iiijd.

To Thomas Garlyk for iiij dozen of Coony skynnes at The furryer iiid, the peece; xijs.

2 februarij

Horshier for iii daies to H. Coorte with theier charge Jorneveng xxvjs, ijd, charges at Kingston ec.

Barge hier pd to T. White for ij ffares of Tymber fro Watercaxxs. riage &c. H. Coorte to London at x*. the peece;

Land Cariage from the waterside:

xijd.

A Cote, a hatt & Buskins all ov covered with Fethers The fetherof cullers for vanytie in sabastians playe with xijd. geven in Rewarde to ye bringer;

13° febr being shrove sundaye

Horshier iiij dayes wt theier charge at Kingston in the Jorneveng xxxiiijs. charges meane tyme;

To Ulrick Netsleye for vices 't nutte;

xv^s. Iron woorke

To Lam for the french womans dynr that went with expences the heares to dresse childrens head? in Mr Hunyes his and Boteplaye I for pynnes I Botehier. ijs. ijd.

The hyer of Heares for headdes and Rewardes To the french woman for her paynes and her dawghters paynes that went to Richemond 't there attended upon Mr Hunyes his Children 't dressed their head? 'tc: when they played before her Magestye; xxiij. vjd.

Buskynmaker To John ffarrington for making of ffyve payer of Buskyns and one payer of Startopps wt the Lether that sowled them in all; xjs. viijd.

The Plummer To Dunstone Braye for Leade and sowlder wt woorkmanshipp by him bestowed over the Cowntynghowse at saynt Johns where it rayned in; xlvj*. jd.

The Millioner Martyn Hardrett for iij Borders; vj. for iij partlette; x. vj chaines; iiij. ij heares; iiij. fflowers ix dozen; xxj. in all: xlv.

Iron woork

To John Rosse for Longe vices to Joyne fframes together iij dozen t viij; xvj.; for his Botehier të; xxd. xviij. iiijd.

Rewardes

Reward geven by the prop hand of the saide Mr Blagrave to sundry persons at sundry tymes for sundry occazions concerning the premiss in all: lxs. In all amounting unto; lxxjⁱⁱ. iiijs. ixd.

Rewarde

To for his paynes in pusing and Reformyng of playes sundry tymes as neede required for her Ma^{tes} Lyking p^d by Dodmer by the speciall appoyntm^t of the saide M^r Blagrave:

Silkweaver and his percells Willam Bowll for mony to him due for 25° Decembe 1574.

Past paper halfe a Dozen;

xijd.

26 Die

Paper for Patternes Leaves of trees 't suche other ne-
cessary vzsag in thoffice one Reame and one Quier
price; vjs. iiijd.
Past Boorde of the largest syze j dozē; iiij*.
27 Die
Buttons of Copper sylver ij dozen; wayeng ix
ounce at xviijd thounce xiij vj
Lace of Copp sylver v ounce di at 18d viij iij
Brayded Lace of Sylver t black silk vij ounce
di. at 18 the ounce; xj iij
30 die
Frenge t twyst ij oce xl vj
31 Die
Fringe & Twist j fb xiiij oce q r at 18d xlv iiij
Paned sylk at 16d. the ounce ij oce que pree; iij
frenge of Red silk t copp sylver v oce; vij vj
Fringe & Tassells of copp sylver, xvj oce; xxiiij
sylk frenge at xvjd. thouce xiij ounce: xvij iiij
j Die Januarij 1574
Fringe of Copper sylver and silk v ounce at
xviijd. the ounce; vij vj
A lardge Box for the premiss; xviij
Frenge of Copper sylver vij oče di; xj iij
2 Die
Frenge of sylver and sylk iij oce di at 18d v iij
Bone Lace of Copp sylvr 't silk jib ij oces; xxvij
Brayded Lace at 18d. iijib j ouce di price; lxxxiiij iij 4 Die.
Pasted paper of the largest sorte ij dozē; viij
Brayded Lace j 15 iiij ouce di. at 18d. thouce; xxx ix
5 Die.
Brayded Tassells I frenge ijib ix oce iij q trs; lxij vij ob.
Lace at xviijd. 15 oce que price at 18d. thouc; xxij x ob.

Frenge and Lace ij fb vij oce at xviijd. lviijs. vjd.

Topp Buttons t frenge Lace at 18d. j fb j ounce quarter;

xxvs. xd. ob.

30 Die

Crymsen Sylk 't sylver frenge at ijs. vjd. thouce x ounce di; xxvjs. iijd.

Black sylk 't sylver frenge at xviijd. the ownce j lb v ounce q,t; xxxjs. xd. ob.

31 Die

Past boorde ij dozen of the Largest sorte; viij.
j die februarij 1574.

Crimsen silk 't sylver frenge ij lb vj oce at ij. vja. the ownce; iiijⁿ. xv.

Black sylver ffrenge xviij oce qu at 18d.; xxj. iiijd. ob. 10° Die, t 14° die.

Crimsen silk frenge j fb v oce di. at 2º. 6d.; liijº. ixd. Black sylk t sylver frenge at 18d. v oce di; viiijº. iijd. Black sylk t silver frenge viij oce at 18d.; xijº. In all amownting unto; xxxviijº. xiijº. iiijd.

Canvas

Henri Sekford esquier for Canvas by him delyvered into the saide Office; clⁿ ells at xviij^d, the ell Imployed upō the howses t propertyes made for players at Christmas, Twelftyde, Candellmas, and shrovetyde aforesaide in All aming unto; viijⁿ. xv^s.

Edward Buggyn gent. clerkcomptrowler of Thoffice for mony by him disburced. vid2

25 Decembris.

Cariage of iiij Lodes of Tymber for the Rock (w^{ch} M^r Rosse made for my L. of Leicesters menns playe) 't for other frames for plaers howses; ij^s. iiij^d.

Cariage of one Hundred seeling boorde to make Branches to beare lyght?; iiij⁴.

27 Decembris

The hier of a Wagon to carry a Lode of stuf to the Coorte for the Duttons playe; Itm for a standish couters 4 Ink; vjs. vjd. i die Januarii for Spangles axiiij Thowsand; xijs. Cariage of one hundred of Boorde from saint pulkers to thoffice; vjd. xj Januarij for a perwigg of Heare for King Xerxces syster in ffarrante playe; iiij*. viijd. for Cariage of iij Lode of stuf for the playe tc on twelfe nighte to the watersyde at the Blackfryers xviij die. ffor ffelte one Doozen at vjd. the pece; vj*. 1 Februarij 1574. for ij ells of Canvas to make frenge for the Players howse in ffarrante play; XXd. Cariage of Stuff for Candellm's Nighte to the Waterijs. ijd. syde ; Barge hier to Hampton Coorte then xiiijs. Skynnes to furr the hoode in sabastians playe; ffor making of ij sarcenett hoodde for Cyttyzens in the same playe; ij. Holly, Ivye, fur poles t Mosse for the Rock in Mr Hunnyes playe; Hornes iij. Collers iij. Leashes iij. t dogghookes iij | wt Bawdricke for the hornes in hunnyes playe; x. 13 februarij. Cariage of Tymber woork for the same Mr Hunnyes his playe downe to the water syde; ij. vjd. To John Tuke for going to the Coorte in a Message;

14 Die

for a Lode of Coles;

xixs.

xijd.

A ffelt y was covered w mony; vjd.

Itm more for mony by him disburced for Sylver
Lawne xliiij yerd? di. xliiij*.

Bote hier for him selfe 't others sundry tymes w' Reward' by him geven to sundry psons not before mencioned xxj*. ix¹¹. v*. ijd.

Paynters percells

Willam Lyzarde for mony to him due for v2.

20 die Decembris.		
White xxx Ib at iijd. the Ib;	ıı. s. vij	d. Vj
Syze;	vj	•
Nayles;	•	xij
Pottę iij doozen;	ij	•
Black xij lb;	xij	
Smalt;	xxiij	iiij
Masticot;	iij	iiij
Inde j tb;	vj	viij
Synaper j tb;	ij	
Browne j lb;		xviij
Vermillion di. lb;	iiij	
Sape di. lb;	iij	iiij
Vert j lb;	iiij	
Dark synap j lb;	iij	
Redd iiij fb;	ij	viij
Yollow, iij tb;	iij	
Smª i	iij v	iiij
24. Die.		
White xxx fb at iijd. the fb	vij	vj
Black, xij lb;	xij	
smalt iij İb;	x	
Syze;	vj	
Synaper Dark di. fb		xviij
sylver c.c.	iij	
ffoyle ;		xvj

THE REVELS AT COURT.			97
Potte;	li,	8.	d, Xij
Past;			iij
,		klij	vij
26°. Die.		•11J	7.5
Fyne gowlde;		vj	viij
Golde 200 ;		vj	vij
Byse q, ^{tr} of lb;		iij	٠-,
for shells of fyne sylver;		ΧV	` ij
White Lead grownde;		ij	vj
Fyne Black for the lotte;		v	٠,
Vert;		iiij	
Glew;			viij
Inde;		iij	iiij
Fyne yolow to wryte upon the Mirrors;		ij	
Sylver 300		iiij	vj
•		lij	V
29. Decembr 1574.		- ,	·
Syze;	;	iiij	
Smalt;		νj	viij
Stayning cullers for s ^r cenet;		vj	٠ي
Past Boordes iij doozen;		vj	vj
Synaper;		iij	-7
Culler for iij dozen lighte		~j	
Assedue iiij fb;	3	ĸij	
Glew;	_		xvj
Golde;	•	ij	viij
Grynding of Sheeres to clypp the assedue;		J	viij
, ,	xlv	ij	x
15 Januarij 1574.			
Syze:	f	iij	
Assedue;		•	x v iij
Gowlde;		iij	iiij
sylver paper to make mony;		•	vij
	3	ĽΨ	x

28. Januarij		
White;	iiij	a. Vj
Black	iij	•
Gowlde;	νj	
Masticot	iij	iiij
Assedue j to di.;	iiij	vj
Sylver to wryte names;	•	xviij
,	xxij	x
12. die ffebruarij.		
Syze;	V	
White;	ij	
sylver;	iiij	vj
Patternes;	vj	·
	xvij	vj
13. Februarij		
Assedue iiij 15;	xij	
Past paper iij dozen;	vj	vj
Golde;	vj	_
Glew v fb;		xx
Patternes for lighte ij	v	
A pattern for a Helmett	v	
-	xxxvj	ij
xvj ⁿ . x	viij ^a .	

Rewardes and Jorneyeng charges Bryan Dodmer for his Botehier, horshier, Jorneyeng charge and expense betweene the saide first of November in the xvjth yeare and the Last of February in the xvijth yere specially. To Hampton Coorte and there attending upon the Lorde Chamberlayne, the Lorde Treasurer and Mr Secretary Walsingham for mony in prest to be Imployed upon the premiss being after longe attendaunce (and that none of the aforenamed coulde get the Queenes Mattes to resolve therin) dryven to trouble her Matte himselfe t by speciall peticion obtayned aswell the grawnt for cc¹¹. in prest as the dette to be p^d. In consideracon wheref, as also for the Rest of his srvice

done in this office I to be doone abowte theise Reckonynge untill thaccoute herof be past. In all for xx vj^u. xiij*. iiij^d. marke demaunded alowed but

The Clerk of thoffice for his ordinary Greene cloth, Necessaries Paper, Ink, Cownters, Tooles, and necessary Implement for the Making of Bills Bookes, Plotte, & Modells:

for the Clerk

lxvi. viijd.

Sma of all the Emptions and pvyzions for Christmas Twelftyde, Candellmas, and Shrovetyde aforesaide: cccxlix11. xvjs. xd.

Smª for Christmas Twelfe Tyde, Candellmas, & Shrovetyde 1574. Anno RRns Elizabthe xvijmo.

> Diiij ijⁿ. xiiijd. T. Blagrave. Edward Buggyn. Walter fysshe.

[BOOK V.]

Revelles 1576. Anno RR^{ne} Elizabeth xix°. The Lidgeard or Perticuler Booke of all the Charges rysing and growing wthin the Office of the Quenes Ma^{ttes} Revell¢ aforsaid. Betweene the xjth of March 1575. And the xxjst of Februarie 1576. A° RR^{ne} Eli2 predict xix° wthin w^{ch} tyme. There were work¢ and attendaunces geven as followeth.

Betweene the xjth of Marche 1575 Ao RR Eliz predict xviijo. And the xxth of December Anno Regni Regine Eliz xixo. The Charges of This Office grew by meanes of Ayringe, Repayringe, perusing, amending, Brushing, Spunging, Rubbing, wyping, sweeping, making cleane putting in order, and safebestowinge of the garmente, vestures, apparell, disguisinges, Properties and furniture of the same from tyme to tyme (wthin those ix monethes) as the necessitie therof from tyme to tyme required, to keepe the same in Redynes for service, weh els wold be mowldy, mustie, motheten, and rotten by meanes of the dankenes of the howse, and want of convenyent Presses and places requysite. The parties who Comonlie attende the saide Office for the same purpose wth their severall names (allowed for this tyme) partivid2 culerlie hereafter ensueth:

Taylours and others workinge and attendinge the premiss at thofficers commandement the first at xx^d. the daie, and all the rest at xij^d. as in the former president; vj^{ll}. xiij^s. iiij^d.

The Mr at iiijs. the daie	dayes 20	ii. iiij	s. Thofficers
The Clerkcomptrowler		•	xl
The Clerke at ij	20		xl
The yoman at ij*	20	,	$\mathbf{x}_{i}^{\mathbf{r}_{i+1}}$

Sma of all the wages betweene the xith of Marche 1575. Anno RRne Eliz xviijmo And the xxth of December 1576. Anno Regni Regine Elizabeth xixo.

xvj^a. xiij^s. iiij^d.

Waltr Fysshe gent. for 30 sacke of coales by him Fewell pvided for the said Ayringe xxijs. vjd.

Smª totlis of the whole Ayringes,

xviji. xva. xd.

T. Blagrave. Edward Buggin. Walter fysshe.

The Charges of those tymes vid2. Betweene the Chrystmas xxth of December 1576. Anno Regni Regine Eli2 predict xixo at weh tyme the woorkes began for the providing, apting, preparing, furnishing, and setting fourth Candlemas of divers plaies or showes of Histories, and other Inventions and devyces followinge. And the iiijth of Februarie xixº 1576. 1576 in the said xixth yere of Mates Reigne, at weh tyme the woorkes and attendaunces did ende, together wth all Themptions and Provisions of stuff and Necessaries, Cariadges, and other Incidente, bought, pvided, done and attended by divers psons whose sevall names and wages wth their Rewardes and allowaunces do pticulerlie in their apt places ensue;

Newverestide Twelftide and Anno RR 🚾 Eliz. prd.

The Paynters daughter shewen at Hampton Court on St Stevens daie at night, enacted by therle of warwick? srvante:

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Toolie showen at Hampton Court on St Johns daie at night enacted by the L. Howarde stvante.

The historie of the Collyer showen at Hampton Court on Sundaie following enacted by there of Leicesters men.

Histories The land Invencons showen win Powles. The laforesaid vj viz Court of the land of

The historic of Error showen at Hampton Court on Newyeres daie at night, enacted by the Children of Powles.

The historye of Mutius Sceuola showen at Hampton Court on Twelf daie at night enacted by the Children of Windsore and the Chappell.

The historye of the Cenofalle showen at Hamptō Court on Candlemas day at night, enacted by the L. Chamberleyn his men.

Taylours and others working and attending the premiss the first at xx⁴. the daie, and asmuch for the night, the Residue at xij⁴. 22ⁿ. 11ⁿ. 4⁴.

The Porter and other Attendaunte at xij⁴, the daie ech one and as much for the night 6¹¹, 14².

Paynters and others working and attending the premiss daie and night at sundrie Rates 12ⁿ. 19. 8^d.

Habdashers and propertymakers at sundrie rates; 5¹¹. 8². 4⁴.

Joyners, Carvers and Propertymakers at sundrie rates; 5th.

Carpenters at xvj^d. the daie and asmuch the night;

511. 62. 84.

Wyerdrawers at sundrie rates;

18•.

The Mr at iiijs. the daie; 23		ights 14	•••	ıı. vi j	•. viij	Thoffycers.
The Clerk Comptroller at ij. 23					lxxiiij	
The Clerke at ij* 23	•••	14	•••		lxxiiij	
The Yeoman at ij 23	•••	14	•••		lxxiiij	
				18 ¹¹ .	10•.	

Smª of all the Wages due in this Office for workemanship and attendaunces don therin and upon the Affaires therof for Christmas and Candlem's ending the iiijth of Februarie 1576. Ao RR^{ne} Elizabeth xixo. lxxviji. viijo.

> T. Blagrave. Edward Buggin. Walter fysshe.

Emptions Provisions & Cariadges win Rewarde and other charges Incident.

Willim Roe for Sarcenette by him delivered into the The Mercer Office v2. 6º die Januarii one peece of yelow sarcenett conteigning 30 elles at vis. the ell and one pece of red sarcenett conteigning 25 elles at the same rate; xvji. x.

Guillaime Tien for xj". xv ounces of copp silver lace Sylkwevers xiiijii. vis. vid. percells at xviijd. the ounce;

Richard Busshe for Canvas by him delivered into The Lynnen thoffice at sundrie tymes v2; 26° Decembr 1576. one Draper pece of Canvas conteigning 36 elles iij qarters at xijd, the ell; xxxvj. ixd. 81° Decembr 25 elles iij qerters at xijd. the ell; xxv. ixd. In the whole 62 elle 1

iij^u. ijs. vja.

John Okes for buckram by him delivered into the The Up-Office at sundrie tymes v2. 30 Decembr 6 peeces of holster purple buckram at iiij. the peece; xxiiij. and 40 Januarii 6 peeces of yelow buckram at iiijs. the peece; xxiiijs. amounting unto: xlviij.

Paynters percells

William Lyzard for color and Necessaries	folowi	nge;
Foure gallons of Size;	iiij	4.
White 15 ⁿ . at iij ^d . the pound ;	iij	ix
Black 3 ¹¹ . at xij ^d . the pound;	iij	
Syneper j ⁿ .;	ij	
Browne j ⁿ .;	·	xviij
Vert dimid pound;	ij	iiij
Smalt iij". at iiij. the li.;	xij	·
Inde dimid pound	v	
Red ij". at viijd. the li.;		xvj
Pottes for coloures		xij
Nayles;		xij
Glue j ¹¹		iiij
Gold 100;	ij	viij
Sylver 200;	iij	_
Syze;	iiij	
Masticott j ⁱⁱ .;	iij	iiij
Gold 100;	ij	viij
Size;	iij	·
White xij ⁿ . at iij ^d . the li.;	iij	
Fyne white ij at xij the li.	ij	
Syze ;	iij	
Masticott j ^u .;	iij	iiij
Syneper j ⁿ . dimid at xvj ^d . the li;	ij	
Byce iij ozcl at xijd. the ozl;	iij	
Vermelyon iiij o2 at vjd. the o2;	ij	
Pottes for coloures;		vj
Vert dimid pound	ij	iiij
Gold 100;	ij	viij
Arsidew 4 lb. at iijs. vjd. the pound;	xiiij	
Glue ij ⁿ . at iiij ^d . the li.;		viij
Tynfoyle;		xij
Syze;		xviij
White;		ix
Black;	ij	

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Gold; Vert a qart of a li; Byce ij ozd. Yelow a qart of a pound;	ij	a. xvj xiiij	
v	V	x	
Woolrick Netesley for xiiij vices at vjd. the pe	-	; vij*.	Smythes percelles
Nyneteene nuttes win plates under them at	iij ^d .	the	
_	iiij•.	ix ^d .	
Five keyes to them at ij the peece;		xd.	
Five pynnes and a plate:		ij*.	
x i	iij*.	vij ^d .	
Richard Rowland for je. of plaster of Paris;	iij	d.	Propertye
Browne paper;		хij	makers per-
Flowre to make past;		xij	celles
Allom ij ⁱⁱ .		viij	
Glue ij ⁿ		vj	
Lynnen Ragges;		xij	
Claye to mowlde wthall;		viij	
A bowle to beat browne paper in;		vj	
Foure penie nailes vjc. at iiijd. yc c.;	ij		
Two peny nailes. je		ij	
Waynscott to make blades for rapiors to;		iiij	
One dozen of pasteboordes;	iiij		
	xiiij	x	
Barnard ffabyan for xv dozen pound dimid of			
at iiij. the dozen;		xij*.	other neces- saries
Item xxiiij staffetorches at xiiijd, the pece		viijs.	
Item foure dozen of lynkes at iiijs. the dozen		ĸvj⁵.	
Item two pound of packthreed at xijd, the po		-	
Item iiji. of glew at iiijd. the li.		xij ^d .	•
Item iiij peces of great cord at ijs. the pece;		viij*.	
Item ix peces of small cord;		iiij•.	

Item foure peeces of whipcord at iiij^d, y^e pece; xvj^d. In the whole amounting unto; vj¹¹. iij^a. iiij^d.

Boordes quarters Nailes and other Neccaies

Rowland Robynson for	11.	_	đ.
xiij doble qarters at vjd. the pece;	***	vj	
Plench boorde ijc. dimid at vijs. ye c;		xviij	vj
Single qaters 32 at iijd. the pece;		viij	
Seelinge boorde a qrtern;		_	хx
Firre poles ten at vijd. the pece;		V	x
for Cariadge of them;			νj
Rafters xj at xvjd. the peece;		xiiij	viij
Beechen plankes ij at viijd. the pece;			xvj
Vyces xij and wynches ij;		V	
For the turnyng of foure postes and for xx ^{tie}			
foote of tymber wen made them;		xviij	
Elme boorde cc dimid at vjs. viijd. ye c		xvj	viij
For Tymber to make a frame;		7	
Sixpenie nailes 1900 at vjd. the c		ix	vj
Tenpenie nailes cc at viijd. the c;			xvj
Doble tenpenie nailes cc at xiiijd. ye c		ij	iiij
Two penie nailes cccc dimid;			ix
Threepenie nailes cc			٧j
Single xd. nailes one c;			vij
Sixpenie nailes one c			vj
In all to the said Robynson	V	xvj	ij

The Buskynmaker John Farrington for xij sheepe skynnes at vjd. the pece; vjs.

For paring and russeting of them; ijs.

For the soles and making of vj paire of buskins of those skynnes; xijs.

XXs.

٧s.

The Habdasher Richard Moorer for two hangers wth girdles of black freesed lether vj^s. iiij^d.

For v wastes of the same;

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For the making of 3 cappes of tyncell sarcer For a yard dimid of buckram to lyne the sar	ne Cap	pes	
w th all;	_	KV ^d .	
For 2 pwick(at iij. iiijd. the pece;	vj•. v	•.	
For dimid yard of cotton;		xd.	
For dimid thousand of great gold spangles		iij ^d .	
	xxij*.	ix ^d .	
Thomas Leverett for			Wyer-
One dozen dimid of candelsticke;	iiij	vj	drawers percelles
vj vicecandelstick at xijd. the peece;	vj		Porosition
One hundreth of Claspes;		iiij	
v pulleys	iij	iiij	
xv hundreth of ijd. nayles;		νj	
Dimid c of spykers;	•	xvj	
An hundreth of vj nayles;		vj	
Three dozen of rownde plates;	xviij	•	
viij dozen of sockette;	xvj		
For Repairing of two braunches;	·J		
For xxx pound of wyer;	xxx		
For a great Lanterne;	iiij		
For botchier;	ij		
ii	•		
	•	•	
Willm Humfrey for xlv sack? of coales at ix			Fewell, &c.
	cxxiij*.		
Willm Jurdane for xxvj sacke of coales after			
rate;	xix*.	•	
Willm Kynge for one thowsande of billette	_	-	
For an hundreth of ffaggotte; va. iiijd.	xviij⁴. v	nija.	

John Ogle for curlyng of heare;	viij*.	-	Necessaries
For v cow tailes to curle;	•	vjd.	
For egges to tryme vyzerdes;		ijd.	
Willm Lyzard for a Whirrey to cary s			
Court and 4 men;	iijs. v	viij ^d .	
For lether for 2. shieldes,		٧s.	

Necessaries

Thomas Wright for viij paire of glov	es for Torche
bearers at viijd. the paire;	v*. iiijd
For mending of two lockes and set	ting them or
againe;	v iij ^d
For openyng of a lock;	ijď
	vj•. ijd

John Davys for money by him disbursed as foloweth

For mosse ;	5.	d. Vj
for a pound of threed of divers colors	iij	٠,
for a dozen of round trenchers wth a box for	3	
them;		xij
for a quyer of pap;		▼
for pynnes;		ix
for glue;		ij
for small tack(;		ij
for foure pasteboordes;		xij
for tape		x
for a dozen of Childrens gloves;	vj	
for pastpaper;	iiij	
for dimid pound of threede;		xiiij
for 9 horsetayles and 35 cowtailes;	7	хj
for Cariadge of them;		iij
for pynnes;		ij
for broomes;		ij
for a pound dimid of threed of sundry coloures		
at iij. iiijd. the li.;	•	
for browne paper;	ij	ij
for a dozen of gloves;	V	
for a quyer of paper		vj
for heare to John Ogle	ij	vj
for a qrtern dimid of tape;		xvj
for dimid pound of coloured threede;		xx
for 4. dozen of pasteboordes;	xvj	

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for two pound of white threede at iij*. viijd.	s.	d.
the pound;	vij	iiij
for two shepe skynnes for flayles;	J	viij
for a qertern of black threede;		vij
for dimid li. of red threede;		XX
for allom;		iij
for past;		j
for a quyer of paper;		V
for 4. dozen of white buttons;		iiij
for dimid pound of coloured threede;		xvj
for iij dozen of gloves;	xvj	,]
for a dozen of gloves for Maskers;	viij	•
for drinke for players;	·	vij
for a Car to cary stuff for the Earle of Leices-		
ters men;		viij
For a Carr to cary stuff to the waterside on		٠
Christmas daie at nighte;		xvj
for dimid pound of coloured threede;		χV
for a Panyer;		xiiij
for a Calves skynne;		xiij
for dimid pound of tape;		xxij
for Pomgranette orenges, and pipens;	iij	لتمم
for bayes;	щ	ij
for qrtern of black threede;		vij
for black tape;		iiij
for 4. dozen of poyntes;		_
- -		X ::
for nailes;		ij
for candelle;		ij
for threede;		ij
for buttons;	::	ij
for a whirrey to Hampton Court;	1j	
In all amounting unto ;	v xj	x
Willm Maye for holie and Ivie;		vs.
Rowland Allen for vj feltes for the Cenofall	es h	
peeces;		v ^s .
p,		

Cariadges wth horshier and ryding charges

The Mowldeman for a houndes heade mowlded for a
Cenofall; ij
The Turnor for a boxe for Myrre; iiijd
Wydow leafe for two dozen of russhes win vjd. for the
Cariadge; v. xd
John Davys for lynkes at sundrie nightes for cariadge
of the fframes from the Revelle to the waterside and to
and from the Court; xvj
Edward Buggyn gent for Ynke paper wexe quille
pindust Rewardes and other Nececies; xx
Thomas Blagrave Esquyer for a Realme of wryting
paper; viij
For two quyer of Royall paper; ij
Thomas Wright for drynking at Branford going to
the Court and from the Court for the Waggener and
others: xiiijd
Edward Buggyn gent for money by him disbursed as followeth:
For a barge to cary stuffe to the Court 26 December
for therle of Warwick his mens plaie; xijs
For 2 Waggons 27 Decembr for the Cariadge of stuff
for the L. Howarde s'vante at xviija. the waggon;
xxxvj*.
For Cariedge by water of a paynted cloth and two
frames for the Earle of Leicesters to the Court 28 De-
cembr: v*.

For one waggon 26° Decembr to carry stuff to the Court of the Earle of Warwick his mens plaie; For a waggon to the Court two or three daies after (for that theier plaie was deferred untill the Sundaie following) to bring their stuff to the Revelle;

For a bardge to cary two fframes to the Court for the Children of Windsors plaie on Twelf daie;

For two Waggons to carie stuff for the mask and to

carie the Children that shold have s'ved in the Maske and to carie some other stuffe to serve in the Children of Windsors playe 6° Januarii; xxxvjs.

For a bote to bring certein stuff that came back from the Court concerning the Lightes for the hall 8° Januar.;

For a waggon to cary stuffe to Hampton Court for the L. Chamblyn his mens plaie on Candlemas daie;

xviij*.

vij^{li}. vij^s. viij^d.

Thomas Blagrave Esquyer for money by him disbursed as followeth vid2

For the hier of a horse and a man from London to Bedwyn for that M^r Blagrave was sent for upon my L. Chambleyn his Comaundement going and retorning by the space of 4. daies and at xx^d. the daie for the horse-hier, and for his horsemeate and his owne meate at ij^a. the daie and night wth vj^d. for horshowinge being the 4.5.6. and 7 of November 1576; xv^a. ij^d.

Tewsdaie, Wednesdaie, Thursdaie and Frydaye of December for the hier of 3 horses at xx⁴. the daie a peece from London to Hampton Court and tarying there about conference for the Charges in the office and and retorning that while; xx³. and for the hier of one horse to Hampton Court and back againe to London 2 daies at xviij⁴. the daie: iij⁵. about the warrant and order for the Prest. And for y⁵ meate of those horses that tyme at xij⁴. daie and night a horse; xiiij⁵. xxxvij⁵.

For the hier of a horse from London to Hampton Court the xxiiijth of December for the warrant and earying a note to the Chambleyn of alteracon of the plaies and retornyng on the morow, at xx^d. the daie; iij^s. iiij^d. and for horsemeate ij^s.; in all v^s. iiij^d.

For the hier of 3. horses from London to Hampton Court on S^t. Johns daie and retorne on the morowe to London being the 27; and 28. of Decemb 1576. at xx^d.

the daie apece; x^a. And for their meate at xij^d. daie and night a pece for those two daies; vj^s. xvj^s.

For the hier of a horse the xxixth of December for 4. daies last before at xx^d. the daie; vj^s. viij^d. the same horses meate those foure daies; iiij^s. in all; x^s. viij^d.

For the hier of a horse the 29th of December for 2. daies last before at xx^d. the daie, to the Court and back for the plaie of Powles on Newyeres daie; iij^a. iiij^d. and the horsemeate; ij^a. v^a. iiij^d.

For the hier of a horse to the Court the third of Januarie 1576; and for two daies last before wth garment? for a Maske to my L. Chamblyn for 3 daies at xx^d. the daie; vs. and for the horsemeate; iijs. at xijd. the daie

For the hier of a horse for 4 daies v2. the 5, 6, 7. and 8. daies of Januarie at xx⁴. the daie; vj². viij⁴. and his meate for that tyme iiij². x⁵. viij⁴.

For the hier of 3. horses the 6th of Januar for 3. daies v2. the 6, 7, and 8 of Januarie at xxd. the daie; xvd. their meate; ixd. xxiiijd.

For Cariadge of the new frames to Paules Wharf by Carr the 4 of Jan. xij⁴.

For the hier of 3 horses for 2 daies v2 the 2 and 3 of Februarie at xviijd. the daie, a horse from London to Hampton Court; ixs. and for their meate; vjs. xvs.

For the Cariadge of all the fframes 't stuff from Hamptō Court to London by barge 3º Februar.

xiija. iiija.

For Cariadge of the same from the water side to St. Johns;

viij^u. iij*. vj^d.

Thomas Tyler for the Cariadge of stuff for Ferrante playe, and furnyture for the lightes to Hampton Court on Twelf daie by Tilt bote; v.

To Nichas Newdigate gent. for his paynes in hearing Rewardes and trayninge of the boyes that should have spoken the speeches in the Mask, and for their Charges and Cariadge back againe; xliij*. viijd.

To those boyes v2. to everie one of them for their paynes; ij. vjd.; xvij. vjd.

To the Taylor in Reward to drinke because they should not go from their woorke; xijd.

To Stafferton the 4 of Januar for his botchire to and fro Westm xij⁴.

To the Paynters in Reward to keepe their woorke that night; xij⁴.

To Groome of the chamber comyng wth a letter from my L. Treasauro^r from the Court in Reward on Christmas even at night the 24th of December 15.76; ij*.

To M^r Taylors man for the doble Quyttaunce the 25th of December 1576. xij⁴.

To Mr Giles his man for brynging vyzerdes to the Office twise in Reward; vjd.

To John Kelsey for using of his Drōme in the Duttons plaie; ij*. vjd.

For openyng the Chamber dore of the Revelle house at Hampton Court the 5th of Januar. vj⁴.

To John Ragats for divers and sundrie tenscriptes and billes of deliverie by him written and for other paynes by him taken in deliverie 't Induccione of pcelle of stuff caried out and brought into the office at sundrie tymes to him in Reward; xiij*. iiijd.

Sm^a of all the Emptions Provision's Cariadges Rewardes and other Charges beside the wages aforesaid, for Christm^as, Newyeres tide, Twelftide and Candlemas 1576, Annoq Regin. Regine Eliz. xix^o.

iiij xiiij^h. xiiij^s. ix^d.

Sma of all the Wages together wth the Emptions Provisions, Cariadges Rewardes and other charges for Christmas, Newyeres tide Twelftide and Candlemas Aorr. pd xixo. claxiji. ijs. ixd.

T. Blagrave.

Edward Buggin.

Walter fysshe.

Shrovetyde Anno RR^{ne} Eliz. p^rd. xix^o 1576.

Preparacons made and woorkes don Betweene xijth of Februarie 1576. Anno Regni Regine Elizabeth xixo pldict. at wen tyme the woorkes began for pvidinge, preparing, hearing furnyshinge and setting foorth of divers playes or showes of histories and other Invencons and devyces followinge. And the xxjth of the same moneth 1576. Anno RRns xixo pred at wch tyme the woorkes and attendaunces did ende, and the garmentes, vestures, Properties and other furnyture, wth the stuffe store and other Implementes of the said Office, were suted put in order, laid up, and safebestowed for the view and preservacon thereof. The Charges wherof together wth all the Emptions and Provisions of stuff and Neccies Incident wth the Cariadges and all other expences for in and about the same particulerlie ensue; vidz

Histories and Invencons shouen wthin the tyme aforesaid iij viz. The Historie of the Solitarie Knight showen at white hall on Shrovesundaie at night, enacted by the L. Howardes srvante

The Irisshe Knyght showen at whitehall on Shrove-mundaie at night enacted by the Earle of Warwick his srvante.

The Historye of Titus and Gisippus showen at whitehall on Shrovetuysdaie at night, enacted by the Children of Pawles.

Maskes j viz. A longe Maske of murrey satten crossed all over wth

silver lace with sleves of gold tyncell, with headpeeces full of pipes of white silver lawne laid bias very rich, prepared for Twelf night, wth a device of 7. speeches framed correspondent to the daie. Their Torchebearers vj had gownes of crymsen Damask and headepeeces new furnished, showen on Shrovetuysdaie night wihout anie speeche.

Taylours t others working and attending the premisse the first at xxd. the daie and asmuch for the night, the residew at xijd. 711, 13s. 4d.

The Porter and other attendaunce at xijd. the daie ech one and asmuch for the night 54.

Paynters and others at sundrie rates; 5^{tl}. 18^d.

Habdashers and Propertymakers at sundrie rates;

39. 44.

Wyerdrawers at sundrie Rates;

24s, 2d.

Carvers Joyners and Propertymakers at sundrie Rates.

]s. 4d

Carpenters at xvjd. the daie;

29s. 4d.

The Mr at iiij. the daie;	dayes . 10 .	nights	s. lxiiij	
The ClerkComptroller at ijs	. 10 .	6	xxxij	Thoffycers
The Clerke at ijs	. 10 .	6	xxxij	
The Yeoman at ij	. 10 .	6	xxxij	

Smª of all the Wages due in this Office for workmanship and attendaunces done therein and upon the affaires therof for Shrovetide ending the xxj daie of Februarie 1576 annog, RRns Elizabth xixo xxxii. xijs.

> T. Blagrave. Edward Buggin. Walter fysshe.

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Emptions Provisions & Cariadges wth Reward and other Charges Incident.

The Mercer

Willm Roe for silkes by him delivered into thoffice vz. 18° Februar one ell dimid of crymsen Taffita at xiiij. the ell; xxj. and 19° Februarij one peece of yelow sarcenett cont. 16. elles and iij qarters at vj. thell; vi. vj.

vj^{li}. xviij^d.

The lynnendraper

Richard Busshe for 20 elles of Canvas 12° die Februar, at xij^d. the ell xx^s.

The upholster

John Okes for one peece of grene buckram by him delivered into the Office; iiij*. vjd. and 18° Februar for one peece of red buckram; iiij*. and the same daie a close stoole wth a large tynne panne; x*. in all, xviij*. vjd.

Paynters parcelles

William Lyzard for coloures and neccies fol-	owin	g;
Size;	s. V	d.
Black v 15 at xijd the li	7	
	vij	vj
Smalt ij". at iiij". the li	viij	
Masticott j ⁱⁱ .;	iij	iiij
Red, j ⁿ .;		viij
Browne j ⁱⁱ .;		xviij
Size;	vj	
Sineper j ¹¹	ij	
Sape a qartern		x
Bysse iij ozl	iij	
Vermelyon iiij o2	ij	
Vert j ^u .;	iiij	viij
Pottes for coloures;		x
White xxx ^{ll} . at iijd. the li.;	vij	vj
Copper color;	iiij	•
Arsidew iij". for the great braunches at iijs.		
vj ^d . the li.;	x	vj

Arsidew ijii. dimid for the xxiiij small lightes wth v pendentes to everie light at iij. vjd. the li. viijs. ixd. d. iiij Paynters Lewis Lyzard for Size; percelles White ijⁱⁱ. ... ٧j and other Red, Vi ncacies occu-Rosett;..... pied at the Court. iiij Black; Packthreede; iiij Browne threede; iiij A Fier panne; iiij vj Botehier; ٧j In all; iiij Property-Richard Rowland for plaister of Parrys; ... iij makers Flower to make paste percelles Browne paper;..... vj Ragges to mowlde wth all; vj Two penie nailes cc. iiij Clay to mowlde wth all; iiij Allom jⁱⁱ. xij ij vj Barnard Fabyan 3. dozen of candelle at iiij. the Lightes xij. and other dozen ncacies Two dozen of lynkes at iiij. the dozen: viij*. Small corde 4 peeces at vjd. ye peece; ij. Packthreede ji. xijd. Great cord 4 peeces at xvjd. the pece; va. iiijd. xxxviijs. iiijd. Thomas Leverett for the furnishing of ix small Wyerdrawers perbraunches wth rownde plates and wyer; xxiiij*. celles. For the furnishing of two great braunches win wyer

and plate;

xxvj. viijd.

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	Ten pound of wyer for the Coming up of	li.	5.	d.
	the small lightes at xijd. the li.;		x	
	Foure quilting needles at iijd. the pece ;			xij
	Foure bodkyns at ijd, the pece;			viij
	Three dartes heades at viijd, the pece;		ij	
	Half a hundreth of spikers;		_	x∀j
	Two penie nailes D			x
	Threepenie nailes, j C			iij
	Two Ropes at xvjd. the pece ;		ij	viij
-	For a Carr to the Court to carie stuff for			
	lightes			xij
	_	iij	X	•
Boordes	Rowland Robynson for xj single qerters at			
quarters and other ncacies	iijd. the pace;		ij	ix
other ne cles	Doble qarters five at vjd. the peece;		ij	vj
	Elme boorde one hundreth;		vij	•
	Seeling boorde xxxvj foote		ij	٧j
	Doble xd. nailes j C.;			xvj
	Sixpenie ix c. dimid;	j	iiij	ix
	Treepenie nailes iij c.;			ix
	Two penie nailes dimid thowsand;			viij
	Doble englishe xd. nailes j C.;			XX
	Single x ^d . Nailes j C.;			x
	vd. nailes j C.;			V
	Tacke ccc.;			vj
	For cariadge of boordes and qarters at			
	sundrie tymes;			xij
	In all to the said R. Robynson :	ХX	vj	viij
The Hab-	Richard Moorer for the making of vj Se-			
dasher	nators Cappes of Crymsen Taffita;		vj	
	For the making of a large Frenche Cappe			
	of blue tyncell sarcenett;			xij
	In all		vij	

The Armorer John Edwyn for the lone of certeine Ar-

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many with a hore and Townsta with the I	s.	d.	
mour wth a base and Targette wch the L Howardes srvante used in their plaie of			
the Solytarye knyght;	vij		
For Cariadge of the same;	۸īJ	xij	
To Carrange of the same ;		Aij	
Richard Rowland for one dozen of small			Necessaries
pasteboorde	ij		
For ij C. of ij ^d . nailes;	-3	iiij	
John Drawater for money by him dis-			
bursed as foloweth: vi2.			
For two glasse voyall? for the L. Howard?		•	
servnte on Shrovesunday;		ij	
For a lyne to draw a curteyne;		iiij	
Richard Moorer for vj paire of syzsars at			
vjd. the paire for the clipping of arsidew			•
18º Februar.:	iij		
	,		
Robt Collyer for 30 sacke of coales at ixd.			Fewell, &c.
Robt Collyer for 30 sack? of coales at ix ^d . the sack the 14 th of Februarie;	xxij		Fewell, &c.
the sack the 14th of Februarie;	Ū	oth .	
the sack the 14th of Februarie; John Davys for money by him disbursed a	Ū		
John Davys for money by him disbursed a For a whirrey to whitehall;	Ū	xij	
John Davys for money by him disbursed a For a whirrey to whitehall;	Ū	xij xx	
John Davys for money by him disbursed a For a whirrey to whitehall;	as folow	xij	
John Davys for money by him disbursed a For a whirrey to whitehall;	as folow	xij xx	
John Davys for money by him disbursed at For a whirrey to whitehall;	as folow	xij xx vj	
John Davys for money by him disbursed at For a whirrey to whitehall;	as folow	xij xx vj iiij	
John Davys for money by him disbursed at For a whirrey to whitehall; For dimid li. of greene threede; For a quyer of paper; For a dozen of small pasteboord; For vj Lambes skynnes For dimid qartern of black threede; For white threede;	as folow ij ij	xij xx vj	
John Davys for money by him disbursed at For a whirrey to whitehall;	as folow	xij xx vj iiij vj	
John Davys for money by him disbursed at For a whirrey to whitehall; For dimid li. of greene threede; For a quyer of paper; For a dozen of small pasteboord; For vj Lambes skynnes For dimid qartern of black threede; For white threede; For Moores Dartes and Irishe Dartes; For pynnes;	as folow ij ij	xij xx vj iiij vj	
John Davys for money by him disbursed at For a whirrey to whitehall; For dimid li. of greene threede; For a quyer of paper; For a dozen of small pasteboord; For vj Lambes skynnes For dimid qartern of black threede; For white threede; For Moores Dartes and Irishe Dartes; For pynnes; For a qartern of tape;	as folow ij ij	xij xx vj iiij vj ij x	
John Davys for money by him disbursed at For a whirrey to whitehall;	as folow ij ij	xij xx vj iiij vj	
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John Davys for money by him disbursed at For a whirrey to whitehall;	as folow ij ij	xij xx vj iiij vj ij x	

For egges;	j *.
For two formes for the Senators in the hist	o ri e of
Titus and Gisippus;	vjs.
For the Cariadge of the same;	ijd.
For the Cariadge of the Maske from St. Johns	to the
Courte;	xij ^d .
For pynnes;	vj⁴.
For tape;	iiij
For a dozen of Childrens gloves;	vs.
For vj paire of gloves for Maskers;	iiijs.
For vj paire of gloves for Torchebearers;	ij*. ij ^d .
For the mending and spangling of 4 fethers;	viij ^d .
For breade weh was uzed in the Histoirie of the	e Soli-
tarie Knight;	jª.
For a Car from the Revelle to the waterside to	cary
stuff for the L. Howarde servents;	xij ^d .
For a Carr to cary stuff for the Erle of Warwig	ck his
men ;	xijd.
For two Carres to cary stuff for the Mask and f	or the
Children of Powles from the Courte to St. Johns;	iiij•.
In all to the said John Davis; xliii	j*. xjª.

John Drawater for mony by him disbursed as followeth; vi2.

For the Cariadge of the Earle of Warwick his mens stuffe from the Revelle to whitehall and back againe to recyte before my L. Chambleyn; ij*.

For the hier of a bardge the 14th of Febr. for the Cariadge of the Earle of Warwick his men and stuff for them to the Court and back agains for the 14 and 16 of Februar. for recytall of playes, and the 17 and 18 for the playes before ye Quene; xxijs.

For the Cariadge of the partes of ye well counterfeit from the Bell in gracious strete to S^t. Johns to be pformed for the play of Cutwell; x^d.

xxiiijs. xd.

Thomas Blagrave Esquyer for botchier to the Court Botchire and from the Court at sundrie tymes; vs. iiijd.

For the repayringe of the nether Roome of the Clerk? Nececies Office beside next the yard as by the bill of the pcell? appeareth; xjs. vjd.

The Clerke for his grene Cloth, and pap, Inke, Count's, Deskes, standishes and Tooles, for the making, compiling and cons'vinge of the Billes, Plotte, Patternes and Modelle Tc. for and concerninge this Office; lxvj. viijd.

To the Paynters and other woorkemen for victualle Rewardes because they shold not go from their woork in Reward; ij. and to the Porters at the gate attending at sundrie tymes xviij.; ij. vjd.

For myne owne charges coming from Bedwyn the 13 of November 1576 up to the Court and from thence to London and there Remayninge till the workes began being the xxxjth of December v2. by the space of 5 wekes and 3 daies w^{ch} everie waie standes me in;

511. ijs. 104.

Sm^a of all the Emptions provisions, Cariadges Rewardes and charges beside wages for Shrovetide vid2 from the xijth of Februarie 1576 untill the xxjth of Februarie 1576 Anno R.R. Eliz. pred xix°.

xxviij^a. xvj^s. x^d. T. Blagrave. Edwarde Buggin. Walter fysshe.

Sm^a of all the whole woorkes for Shrovetide 1576. A rr pd. xix. lix. viij. xd.

The Totall Smª of this whole Booke; vid2xjth

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of March Anno RR^{ne} Elizabeth xviij^{mo} untill the xxjthAnnoq, RR^{ne} Elizabeth predict xix^o hereafter ensueth.

Ayringes from the xjth of March 1575 untill the xxth of Dec. 1576. Aº RR Eliz. xixº. Christm*s Newveres tide Twelftide and Candelmas viz. from the xxth of Dec. 1576 untill the iiijth of Feb. 1576. Shrovetide vz. from the

xijth day of Feb. 1576 untill the

xxjth of

xixº.

Feb. 1576. A° rr. Eliz.

Wages
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{Artificers}; \ \mathbf{v}j^{il}. \ \text{xiij}^{s}. \ \text{iiij}^{s}. \end{array} \right\} \quad \text{xvj}^{il}. \quad \text{xiij}^{s}. \ \text{iiij}^{d}.$$

Emptions, Provisions te xxij*. vjd. xviji. xv*. xd.

Emptions Provisions 'tc. iiij xiiij^u. xiiij^s. ix^d. clxxij^u. ij^s. ix^d.

Emptions Provisions Te. xxviij¹¹. xvj¹⁵. x^d.

lix¹¹. viij¹⁵. x^d.

Sm^a ccxlix¹¹. vij¹⁵. v^d.

John Drawater for money by him disbursed aswell about the Charges of makinge thaccomptes of the Auditor of the prestes, and declaración of the same before my L. Trer and Sr Walter Mildmay as also for the Charges of the Quenes Warrant the privie seale, dirección of the payment of the money and Receipt of the same;

viijⁱⁱ. x*.

Sm^a totlis of the whole wages Emptions, Provisions, Cariadges Rewardes and other Chardges for the severall tymes aforesaid. cc.lvijⁿ. xvij^s.

T. Blagrave.

[BOOK VI.]

Revelle 1578. Anno Regni Regine Elizabethe xxj° the Lidgerd pticuler Booke of all the Chardge Rising and growing wthin the said office Betweene the xiiijth of Februarie 1577, And the vjth of March 1578. A° Regni R^{ne} Eliz pred. viz

Betweene the xiiijth of Februarie 1577. Anno regni regine Elizabeth xxmo And the xxth of December 1578. Anno regni regine Elizabeth xxjo. The chardges of this office grewe by meanes of Ayring, Repairing, pusing amending, brushing, Spunging, Rubbing, wiping, Sweeping, making cleane, Putting in order, folding laying upp, and safebestowing of the garmente, vestures, apparell, disguysinge, propties and furnyture of the same from tyme to tyme (wthin those monethes) as the necessitie therof from tyme to tyme Required to keepe the same in Readiness for service, which ells would be mowldie, mustie, motheaten and Rotten by meanes of the dankness of the howse and wante of convenient presses and place requisite. The pties whoe comonly attend the said office for the said purpose wth theier severall names allowed for this tyme glicularly hereafter ensueth.

vi2

Taylors and others working that attending the pmisses at the Officers commandmt the first at xxd. the daie and the rest at xijd. as in form prident; ixii. iiij.

124 EXTRACTS FROM THE ACCOUNTS OF

		00112	~ 01	
The Officers	The Mr at iiij. the daie;	dayes 24 .	iiij	s. Xvj
	The Clerk comptroller at ij. the daie;		_	xlviij
	The Clerk at ij. the daie;			xlviij
	The Yoman at ij*. the daie;			xlviij
	, ,		xij	
Fewell and	John Lucas for Fewell and other	necess	aries by	him
other neces-	bought provided and brought into the	office	and us	ed at
perico	sundrey tymes in the said Ayringe a	mend	ing Tc	w th in
		vi2.	J	
	Coales xxx sackes;		. xxii	e. Vj
	Browne thred di. li.		•	xiiij
	White thred one pound, black thred o	9 c. 4 d.		•
	Cullered thred, 3 qaters of a pounde;.		. ij	viij
	Tape one pound:			•
	Brushes iiij. Rubbing brushes; iij; .		•	x
	Whitebrushes Longe and shorte for		•	
	webbes 4 :			
	Billette one Thowsand		•	· viij
			•	viij
			•	•
	Sma totalis of all the whole Ayring	ge w ^u	in the	tyme
	aforesaid;	xxi	iij ^u . ij•.	viij ^d .
	E. Tyllney.	T.	Blagra	e.

Edward Buggyn.

Christmas Newyeares tide Twelftide and the Sonday folowing A° 1578. The Chardges of those tymes vi2. Betwene the xxth of December 1578. Anno Regni Regine Elizabeth pd xxjo at wch tymes the work¢ beganne for the providing preparing hearing devising, furnishing, and setting forth of divrse plaies or showes of histories and other special Invencons devises, and showes for that tyme incidente. And the xvth of Januarie in the said xxjth yeare of her Mates Raigne at wch tyme the work¢ and attendaunc¢ did end. Together with all themptions, provisions of

Walter Fysshe.

stuffe, and necessaries, caryage and other incidented bought provided done and attended by divrse psons whose severall names rate and wage with their Rewarde and allowaunce doe pticularly in their apte place ensue.

An Inventyon or playe of the three Systers of Mantua shewen at Richmond on S^t Stephens daie at night enacted by thearle of Warwick his s^rvnt(| furnished in this office with sundrey thinges as was requisite for the same.

The Historie of.....shewen at Richmond on St Johns daie at night enacted by the Children of the Quenes said vj. viz.

Mates chappell furnished in this Office wth verie manie thing? aptly fitted for the same.

An history of the creweltie of a Stepmother shewen at Richmond on Innocent? daie at night enacted by the Lord Chamberlaynes s'vaunt?, furnished in this office wth sondrey thing?.

A Morrall of the marryage of Mynde and Measure shewen at Richmond on the sondaie next after Newyeres daie enacted by the children of Pawles furnished with something (in this office;

A Pastorell or historie of a Greeke Maide showen at Richmond on the sondaie next after Newyeares daie enacted by the Earle of Leicester his servaunt? furnished wth something? in this office.

The historie of the Rape of the second Helene shewen at Richmond on Twelf daie at night well furnished in this office wth manie thing? for them.

A Maske of Amasones in all Armore compleate peell gilte gilded wthin this Office wth Counterfett Murryons silvered ov and peell guylte (besides their headpeece belonging to their Armoure) and a creste on the toppe of every of them having longe heare hanging downe behind them, their kirtles were of Crymson cloth of gold being indented at the skirte and Laied wth silver

Histories and Invencons shewen within the tyme aforesaid vj. viz. Maskes shewen before Her Ma^{tie} the French Imbassado^r being present the Sonday night after Twelfdaie wherof one was,

Lace and frindge with pendaunt of golde Tassells gold knobbes and set on with Broches of golde plated uppon the skirte wth plates of silver lawne wth tassells of gold Laid under belowe in steed of petticote wth white silver rich tincle fringed wth golde fringe, Buskins of oringe cullor velvet Antick Fawcheons and shield wth a devise painted theron and Javelinge in their hande one win a speach to the Quenes Matte delivering a Table wth writinge unto her highnes comyng in wth musitions playing on Cornette apparelled in longe white taffeta sarcenett, garmente torche bearers win the troocheman wearing longe gownes of white taffeta wth sleaves of the same and uppon them had longe crymson taffeta gownes wthout sleaves, Indented at the skirte and frindged Laced and tasseled wth silver and gold tucked upp wth the girding almoste to the knee, bowes in their hande and quivers of Arrowes at theier girdles head peece of gold Lawne and woemens heare wrethed verie faire and after the Amasons had dawnced wth Lorde in her Mates presence in came,

An other Maske of Knight? all likewise in Armoure compleate peell guilte also guilte wthin this office wth like counterfett Murryons uppon their head? silvered and peell guylte wth plomes of Feathers in the toppes of every of them, wth bases of Rich gold Tyncell frindged wth gold frindge garded wth riche purple silver Tyncell, Lardge Bawdrick? about their neck? of black gold Tyncell having Truncheons in their hand? guylte and guylded sheild? wth a posey written on every of them, their showes of gold Lawne tyncell and comyng in wth one before them, wth a speach unto her highnes and delivering a table written, their torch bearers being Rutters apparrelled in greene satten Jerkines payned Laid wth silver Laice and drawne owte wth Tincell sarcenet their

hose being verie longe paned of rased velvet, ground yealowe and rasing greene likewise Laid wth silver Lace and drawn owte wth tincell sarcenett their hatte of crymson silk and sylver thromed and wreythed bande wth Feathers the Amasons and the Knighte after the Knighte had dawnced a while wth Ladies before her Matte, Did then in her Mattes absence fight at Barriars

Taylors t others attendaunt? working and attending the Pmisses the first at xx^d , the daie and as much the night, and the reste at xij^d .

xx! iiij**. viij**.

Paynters and others working and attending uppon the Pmisses the daie 't night at sondrey rate. viz).

xj^{li}. xj^s. vj^d.

The Porter and other Attendaunt at xijd. the daie; ivi. xiiij.

Wyerdrawers at sondrey rate; xxvii.

Proptymakers; lij*.

Carpenters at xvj^d. the daie and as much the night; iij^B. ix^a. iiij^d.

d	ayes	n	ights		n.	8.	
The Mr at iiij. the daie	27	•••	11	,.,	vij	xij	Thofficers
The clerk comptroller at ij.	27	•••	11		iij	xvj	
The Clerk at ij ^s	27	•••	11	•••••	iij	χvj	
The Yoman at ijs	27	•••	11	•••••	iij	xvj	

Sma of all the wages due win this office aswell for workmanship and attendaunce done there in and uppon thaffaires therof for Xrmas Newyeares tide and Twelftyde as uppon the ij Maskes shewen before her Matte the Imbassadors being there on sondaie night the xjth of January 1578 ending the xvth of the same January in the xxith yere of her Mates raigne; lxxiji. xviijs. vjd.

The Mer-

Willm Roe for taffeta sarcenet by hym delivered into cers percells this office viz. the 11th of January 1578 blewe taffetie Sarcenet at viij. the ell 16 elle qurter; vju. x. Yealowe taffeta sarcenet at viij. the ell, elle 17 qeter; viil. xviij. Crymson taffata sarcenet at ix. the ell vij elle di; lxvij. vjd. White taffeta sarcenet at viijs. the ell iij elle Quarter; xxvjs. in all; xviijli. j. vjd.

Walter Fyshe for money by him disbursed as foloweth. For viij elle of taffata sarcenet white at ix. the ell; lxxij. for an ell di. of white taffata at sarcenet at xij. the ell xviij. And for ij yarde of white Buckerome ij. All for the musitions of the Amasons and xiij yard? Quarter of Copper silver white tincell byrde eyes at x. the yard; vji. xij. vjd. In all; xj^{li}. iiij*. vjd.

Willm Bowell for xxj yarde Quarter of blewe tyncell sarcenet at viij*, the yard brought into the office the ixth of Januarie, 1578 in the whole amounting to; viij". x.

Upholsters percells

..... for vj dozen of guylte Belles for the Amasons, vis. for vi peece of Buckromes at iiijs. viijd. the peece; xxviij*. for a close stoole; x*. for one peece of verie good Buckrome v*. xlix.

Sylkmans percells

.....Trott for iji quart of silk to make heares for the Amasons at xxij*. the pownd. xlix*. vjd.

Walter Fysshe for mony by him paid for a yard of gold Tyncell of the Narrowest sorte; ij. And for a yard three quarters di. of silv' Lawne tyncell of the Narrowest sorte; v. in all; vija.

Gyllam Tyen for peells by him brought into the office. vi2.

Silver copper frindge at xviij^d. v o2. di; viij^s. iij^d.

Longe frindge of golde copp at xx^d. the o2. xiij o2.
di.; xxij^s. vj^d. Frindge and Tassells of gold copp v o2.
viij^s. iiij^d. deepe gold copper frindge xij ounce; xx^s.
For iiij^o di. of copp gold frindg at ij^s. iiij^d. y^e o2. x^s. vj^d.
lxix^s. vij^d.

Willm Bowle for sundrey peells brought into the saide office; viz.

Deepe frindge of copper gold at ij. the o2. v oz.; xs. vjd.

x*. vjd. Frindge of copp silver at xviijd. the ozl. 14 ozl. di.

xxjs. ixd.

Tassells of copp silver ix o2. di xiiij. iijd.

Deepe Frindge and tassells of copp gold, xj o2.; xxij.

Frindge and tassells of copp silver, x ounce Quarter;

xv. 4d. ob.

Deepe Frindge, Copp gold, iij oz di. vij.

Frindge of Copp silv viij oz di. xij.

Frindge of cop sylver viij oz q. ter; xij. iiij. ob.

Deepe Frindge and tassells of copp gold 16 oz xxxij.

xij tassells for Javelynes of Crymson silk and copp silver xij ounce Quarter; xviij. iiij. ob.

Deepe Frindge and tassells of gold, xij o2 qatr

xxiiija. vjd.

Frindge of copp silver, xiij o2. xix*. vjd.

Deepe Frindge and tassells of copp gold xxxij ounce;

Ixiiij.

Frindge of copp silver vj o2. di.

Frindge of crymson silk and silv xiij o2; xix. vjd.

Tassells of copp gold vj o2. Quarter; xij. vjd.

Frindge and tassells of crymson silk and silver xiij ounce; xix*. vjd.

Deepe frindge and tassells of copp gold viij ounce

Quarter; xvj². vj².

Small tassells of copp silv² vij oz x². vj².

Deepe Frindge of copp gold, iij oz ; vj².

Calles for tassells of copp golde one oz . q²²ter; ij². vj².

Hugh Fayreclough for sundrey pcells by him brought into the office; videlicet,

Gold Lawne Tincell at iij. viijd. the yard 31 yard? di.; cxv. vjd.

Sylver tyncell at ij. vjd. the yard, iij yarde; vij. vjd. Frindge of copp silv at xvjd. the ozl. 13 ozl.;

xvij. iiijd.

Sylv) Lawne tyncell at ij. vjd. the yarde xiij yarde; xxxij. vjd.

viij^k. xij^s. x^d.

Propertymakers percells. Pawle Sytolyn for vij head peece of silver and gold Lawne and Woomens heare at xiij*. iiijd. the peece for torch bearers for the Amasons; iiiji. xiij*. iiijd.

John Ogle for the cullering the yealow heare and stuffe to curle it, iiij. and for vj beardes for the vizarde for the Knighte, x.; xiiij.

George Joyner for xij Fawchions for the Amasons; xxvj*. viij*. vij*. xiij*.

Willyam Lyzarde for sondrey peells by him brought into the office; vi2.;

For xij Murryons counterfeite mowlded and guilt at vj. viijd. the peece; iiiji.

For xij Lyons head? counterfeite moulded and guylt at ij* vjd. the peece; xxx*.

For xxx^{tle} dozen of Roases mowlded and guylded at xvj^d , the dozen; xl^s .

vijli. x.

Willyam Carpe for sondrey peells brought into the office; vi2.

For xij shielde at xvija. the peece; xvija.

vij Turkie Bowes at xija. the peece vija. vj speares at vija. the peece; iija. vja. for fitting of vj trunchions xija.

For translating of vj sheilde; xija. and for glewing a Fawchion vja. in the whole; xxxa.

Barnarde Fabyan for sondrey peells by him provided and brought into thoffice at sondrey tymes in mannar and Forme following, vi2.

The xxj th of December, 1578 a pound		
of Cearing Candle;		xij
For vj lincke at iiijd. the peece;	ij	•
A peece of greate cord;		xvj
A peece of small cord;		vj
Cotten Candles at iiijd. the pound; xiji.	iiij	
The xxv th of December 1578. A dozen		
of cotten candles at iiijd. the pound xijn.	iiij	
A pownd of Packethread;		xij
The xxviijth of the same December, ij		
dozen cotten candles;	viij	
A pound of Cearing candle;		xij
A peece of small corde;		vj
A pound of Packthread;		хij
The iiijth of Januarie 1578, two dozen		
cotten candles;	viij	
A pound of glewe;		iiij
A peece of greate corde;	•	xvj
A peece of small cord;		vj
A pound of cearing candle;		xij
The vj th of Januarie 1578, for a dozen ¹ .		
of cotten candles;	iiij	
The viijth of Januarie a dozen pound of		
Cotten candles;	iiij	
	к 2	

Paynters percells

The with of Innuarie a decomposite of Cot	5.	d.
The xth of Januarie, a dozen pound of Cot-	::::	
ten candles; The xj th of Januarie two dozen of cotten	iiij	
•	:::	
Candles;	viij	
The xiijth of Januarie 1578, for three pownd?		-::
of Cowtten candles;	12	xij
In all;	lvj	vj
Willyam Lyzarde for cullers and Necessar	ies by	him
pvided and brought into this office videlt;	•	
For Sise;	xiij	d. Vj
For potte and nayles;	ij	·J
For redd two pound;	-J	xvj
For vermyllion viij o2;	ij	vj
For Synep;	iij	
For Smalt iij ⁿ . di. at iij ^s . the pound,	X	vj
Black three pound at xvjd. the li.;	iiij	• •
White xxxij ^u . at iij ^d . the pound;	viij	
Yealowe;	J	xvj
Verte a pownd;	iiij	•
Masticott j ⁿ .;	iij	
Sape greene qater li.;	ij	
Blewing geter li.;	iij	
Browne;	J	xviij
Assidue iij li.;	x	vj
Shells of gold at xvjd. the peece; ix;	xij	•
Shells of silv at xd. the pece, vij; ix;	V	x
Fine cullors for paterns and for the shield?;	x	
Bisse iiij o2.;	viij	
Fyre pannes, ij.;	·	vj
Gilte Belles iij dozen;	iij	vj
Fatt oyle and fine gold size for the Armors	•	
and Sworde;	vj	viij
Fine gold for the Armor and Sworde; 1	•	
ptie gold for sheilde trunchions & fawchions;		
• •		

Sylv for the Bowes and Fawchions iiijs. vjd. dymme black; viijd. In all xjii. ix*. xd. wherof the Mr and Clerkcomptroller have abated for excessive prices, xxxij. iiijd. And so ixli. xvijs. vjd. remayneth: To John White, and.....Boswell for the peell gilding of two Armors compleat for Mr Tresham and Mr Knowles being two of the Knightes in the Amasons maske; lxvjs. viijd. Rowland Robinson for xvj furre poles; viij*. Carpenters ixs. iiijd. percells Rafters at xiiijd. the peece viij; Borde at vijs. vjd. the c. v. c. di; xljs. Single qaters for Rayles at iijd. the peece ix; ijd. iijd. For a dore and dore postes hookes hynge Bolte and staple to the same for the Leade in the Mr his Lodging; xvis. viijd. lxxvijs. vjd. Richard Warby for sondrey peells by him brought Ironviz). mongers into this office; percells One Thowsand of vjd. nayles; Doble xd. nayles iiij c.; single xd. nailes. v c. xs. xd. For great spikes to straine the Wiers in the hall; xvjd. For mending two Lockes for a cheste in the office; xiiijd. xviij. iiijd. Walter Fysshe for money by him disbursed, viz). For the washing and glacing of vj sarcenet shirte; Necessaries viij•. For halfe a yard of cotton; vd. For ij lincke and his mans supp when he wente to my Lo: Chamberleynes being sente for; xiiijd, To iiijor men for making garmente at the courte for the musitions of the Amasons;

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iiijs. xiijs. vijs.

Edwarde Buggyn gent for mony by nim pa.	
For half a Reame of fine Lardge pap;	Vª.
For half a Reame of courser sorte;	iij ^s . iiij ^d .
For a hundred of choice quills;	v⁴.
For a bottle and a pinte of Inck;	xij ^d .
For ij lardge pap bokes to remayne in the of	ffice; v.
	xiiij*. ix ^d .
Thomas Wright for money by him disbursed	l; viz).
For thread;	xij ^s . x ^d .
Tape;	vij•. xj ^d .
Paste borde iij dozen and one;	vijs.
Rushes ij dozen Bundles I the cariage;	vij ^s ij ^d .
Holly and Ivie;	xij ^d .
Three yarde of gray cloth to make my Lo:	of Leices-
ters men a fishermans coat:	٧°.
Bromes, small nayles, a brushe;	ijs. xj ^d .
For ij peece of cord and a chalk lyne;	xix ^d .
	xlvs. vd.
John Davyes for sundrey thinge by him bro	ought into
thoffice; vi2.	J
For tape occupied when the children of the	chappell
plaid before the Queene;	xd.
For thred t silk and a dozen of past borde;	ij⁴.
For iiijor pullies ij yarde of cotten to make	
the headpeece;	ij ^s . viij ^d .
and neuropood()	vj ^s . vj ^d .
	., ., .
John Drawater for money by him disbursed	; vi2),
For ij lynes to drawe curtens wth;	xij ^d .
For a rope, a pulley, as basket, to serve in	•
of Warwicke men plaie;	iiij*.
For iiij quire of Royall pap and a Reame	•
vjs. vilijd.	
pap For a standishe iii* iiiid Inck iid quille iid	x*. viijd.
rory signoisne ille lille inck lig dillig li	- nennes.

ijd. Waxe, iiijd. counters, xvjd. pindust, vjd. and penknife, xijd. vij.

For ij peece of small cord for pendaunte at the Courte being verie fine and lardg for the purpose;

For a little cheste wth Lock and key to put pags and paterns for div'se causes in the office and ij paire of vj. iiijd. compasses xvjd.;

A dozen and a half of gloves for maskers at xvjd. the paire xxiiijs. It a dozen and a half of gloves for torchebearers at viijd. srving the Doble maske shewing at the courte the Imbassador being there xij.;

To Greene the coffermaker for lynnyng a cheste wth Buckrome for thoffice; ij.

lxxjs. ijd.

Roger Tyndall for the making of xij Skaborde to be Armorers viij*. percells used in the Amasons maske;

For xij chapes guylte for the same scaberde; ij.

For covering of xij handles and garnishing them wth nayles: ij.

To Bastyan for the hier of vj plomes of feathers for Fether-Knightes in the Amasons maske and iiijs. geven to take agayne iiij of the falles of the same feathers wen otherwise by composition should have cost, viijs. Because they were dropte wth torches and vjd. for iij hearons toppes weh were burnte wth Torches. In all; xvjs. vjd. xvjs. vjd.

Thomas Wrighte for mony by him disbursed, viz. The Cariage of a basket from Barmesey to the Revvelle when the stuffe were shewen to my L. Chamberlen, horsehier xxd.

Cariage by and riding chardges

For the cariage of a hamper wth stuffe to whitehall 't back againe; ij*.

iijs. viijd.

John	Davyes	for	money	by	him	laid	owt;	vi2.
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Boate hier to and from the Courte to carry the stuffe for the children of the chappell to Recite before my Lord Chamberleyne; xij⁴.

Boate hier iij tymes to Barmesey and back agayne to waight my Lo. Chamberlaines comyng thither; xijd.

Boate hier to the courte to carry my Lo. Chamberleyne Patorns of the Maske; vj⁴.

Two Carres to carry the Mask from Pawles wharfe to S¹. Johns; xviij⁴. iiij^a.

Walter Fysshe for mony by him disbursed; vi2.

For Boate hier to Barmesey to speake wth my Lo. Chamberleyne; iiij⁴.

For a Carre the next daie to carry ij Baskette of stuffe to Barmesey to shewe my Lo. Chamberleyne; ijs.

For his owne boate hyer the same day; iiijd.

Boat hier to M^r Brydemans to see what stuffe was there; viij^d.

For a Carre to fetche home the same stuffe; ij.

For his boate hier when he wente to fetche awaie the same stuffe; viij.

For his boate hier to and from the courte when he wente to make the garment? for the Amasons Musitions;

x^s. iiij^d.

Thomas Blagrave esquier for money by him disbursed; videlt.

For his chardges wth ij men the 20 and 21th of December 1578. from Bedwin in wiltes to London xx^s. The chardge of iij horses in London and backe x^s.; xxx^s.

For his boate hier from London to Richmond the xxijth of the same December, 1578. to speake wth my Lo. Chamberlayne and back agayne; x^o. xxx^o.

For his boate hier from London to Richmond to speake

with my Lo. Chamberleyne and back agayne, vi., his boate hier the 28th of December 1578 to the court to shew my Lo. Chamberlaine a patorne for a maske and back againe, vi. his boate hier from London to the courte the second of Januarie, 1578, iji. vjd. For ij wherries from London to the Courte the xjth of Januarie for him self and others that wente to sett forth the maske; vi. And for boat hier to Whitehall For choice of Stuffe to Barmesey for choice of plaies and conference about maske and divise other place in London, and sondrey tymes as occasion served; vi. viijd. in all; xxiiijs. ijd.

liiij⁵. ij⁴.

John Drawater for money by him disbursed as followeth, videlt

The xxiiijth of December 1578, for his bote hier to the courte and back againe to get the Warrante signed; iijs. iiijd. 26 of December for ij Carres to carry the Frames to the Water side; xxd. his own botehier and ij wheries to carry the frames to the courte; vij*. for cariadge of the stuffe from the courte by water the 27th of December that served in my Lo. Chamberleynes men plaie; iijs. vjd. The same daie for cariage of the stuffe that served the plaie for the children of the chappell to the courte and back agayne; vjs. viijd. The 29th of December for his boate hier when he carried the privie seale to Mr Peeter from the Courte; xxd. 30 of December for his bote hier wth others from Powles Wharf to Mr Brydemans from thence to Lambeth and so to the courte when my Lo. Chamberleyne toke a viewe of the stuffe at Mr Brydemans; iij. The Firste of Januarie for cariage of a frame for master Sabastian to the courte; iij*. vjd. For his Bote hier to the courte the same daie; xvjd. ijo Januarie 1578. when I came to Mr Peeter to have receaved the money But could nott winout further order from my Lo. Treasorer; xvjd. 4 of Januarie 1578. For the hier of a horsse ij daies to the courte to Furnishe

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my L. of Leicesters players the Frost being so greate no bote could goe and come back againe at xijd. the daie iije. iiijd. for his meate those Two daies; ijs. viijd. For holly and Ivie for my Lo. of Leicesters servaunte; xijd. 5 of January for my bote hier to and from Westmester to receave the money; xijd. The Sixte of Januarie for Mr Blagraves bote hier to and from the courte being sent for by my Lord Chamberlayne; vs. For boate hier of divrse workemen that wente to conferre wth my Lord aboute the maske to the Courte and back agayne wth xijd. bestowed on them at Mortlack the same daie; v. 6. Januarie for cariege of the Revells stuffe to the courte and back agayne that served my L. Chamberleynes players second plaie; vij. 7. of Januarie for the cariage of the ij frames from the courte to London in a carte; vijs. 8. of Januarie For Mr Blagrave and Mr Buggins botehier to and from Whitehall when they fetched the cloth of gold and silkes from Mr Brydemans; xijd. 11. of January to John Garret and Dwaryns Martyn for carryage of the Armoure from Greenewitch to St. Johnes to be guylded, and from St. Johns to the Water side, And from thence to Richmond in iij wherries; xij. iiijd. The same daie iij carres to carry the hampers wth candlesticks and the maste to the water side; ij. vjd. For a wherrey to carry the candlesticke to the courte; iiij. The same daie for a Bardge to carry the maske to the courte by water and back agayne; And xijd. to the Water men for expedicon; viijd. bestowed uppon them in drinck and vjd. to carry them to the courte from Mortlack on mens showlders Because tyme would not serve to go by water; xix. 13. of Januarie for ij wherryes to carry the greate cheste and the two hamps win candlesticke from the courte to London; vs. And from the waterside to Sainte Johnes; viijd.; vo. viijd. The same daie For Mr Blagrave his botehier from the courte wth

Rychard Morer for sondrey peells brough office, viz For xij Armyng girdles vj of gold tyncle and tissue all wth guylte Buccles and harnesse at the peece;	ard for erns to 578 for by wate .xvij*.; it into d vj of .t ij*. v	his my the r to iiijd. the red riijd.	Habber- dashers percells
Felte to Lyne the counterfeete head peece in	n the A	ma-	
zons maske vj at vjd. the peece;		iijs.	
	XX	XV ⁸ .	
Thomas Wright for money by him disbursed			Fewell.
for a loade of coales;	xxij	d.	
Fagotte ije.	хj	iiij	
Billette one thowsand and a half	xix	iiij	
	lij	viij	
Thomas Stronge for money by him paid;	•	•	
For a Load of Coales;	xxij		
Fagotte ije.;	хj	iiij	
Billette ij thowsand;	xxv	iiij	
	lviij	viij	
Edmond Byrcholl for sondrey peells by him	-	_	Wyerdrawer
brought into the office; vi2.			
Stocke candlesticke ij dozen;	iiij		
Pricke candlestick(; vj.;		xij	
Compasses one paire;		iiij	
Quylting needles, ij;		iiij	
Heades for the Javelins, sixe;	iij		
A great braunche for light(;	xl		
Fyne wyer one pound ;		xij	
Greate wier xij pounde;	x		
Plate one dozen;	iiij		

Rewardes

Lanthornes ij;	iiij	u,
Wyer vj yard(;	_	V
In the whole; lxviij. ijd. whereout abate	vj*. v	ziij ^d
by the Mr and Clerk comptroller for excessive p	-	-
so remayneth;	lxjª.	
John Drawater for money by him disburse	d as	fol-
loweth; vi2.		
To Mr Nichasius for the prive seale and the	signet	for
the Revells money;		Xª.
To Harris a grome of the chamber for bringi	ing a	Lře
to the Mr the 31 of December 1578;		ijs.
To Mr Peter for making the orders for my	Crease	orer
should signe for the paymt of the Revells mone	y ;	xs.
To Mr Stonely for paymt of 344h. 9s.	-	xs.
To his men for their paine for paymt	ij.	vjd.
To the Keep of the gardeyne at Whitehall	when	the
Mr viewed the stuffe to serve this torne for his	s atte	nd-
aunce at sondrey tymes;	X	cijd.
To the Porter of Thexchequor at the receipt	e of	the
money;		ijd.
To Willm Bowles man for going on Errand	e at	the
Mr his comaundemt;		tijd.
To the Painters to buy victualls for that the	y sho	uld
not go from their work;	-	ijď.
To Patruchius Ubaldinas by the comaundm	t of	the
Lord Chamberleyne for the translating of certen		
into Italian to be used in the maske the make	ting 1	the
tables for them the writing faire in the same Ta	_	
for his chardges in travelling about the same;		
	ij ^u . vi	

Thomas Blagrave esquier for mony by him disbursed; videlt,

The xixth of December to Harris groome of

the chamber comyng from Richmond to Bedwin by the Lo. Chamberleyne his comaundemt iijs. iiijd.

To the proptic makers working on the head peece, for the Amasons torche Bearers to send for victuals because they should not goe from their woorke; ij.

To the painters at Willam Lyzard? working on the murryons head? to send for victualls for that they should not goe from their worke; ij.

To M^r Skynn^r my L. Treasorers clerk for newe making the orders sent by M^r Peeter and his furtheraunce therin; x^s.

To Pawle Sytolons his mayde; vjd. xvij*. xd.

The Clerk for his ordynary grene cloth pap Incke, counters, deskes, standishes and tooles for the making compiling and conserving of the Billes, plotte, patornes, and modells for and concerning this office; lxvj*. viijd.

Sm^a totlis of the emptions pvisions cariage Rewarde to. besides the wage aforesaid; c.xlviji. vj. ijd.

Sm^a totlis of all the emptions pvisions cariag? Reward? together wth the wages and attendaunc? of workemen and Attendaunt? wrought and attended wthin the tyme aforesaid.

cc.xliiij¹¹. vij². iiij^d.

E. Tyllney

T. Blagrave.

Edward Buggyn.

Walter Fysshe.

The totall some of the whole booke, viz. from the xiijth of Februarie 1577. A° RR^{ne} Elizabeth xx° untill the xiiijth of Januarie. 1578. A° RR^{ne} Elizabeth pred 1578.

from the 14 of Feb. 1577 untill the 20 of Dec. 1578. Christmas Newyeres tide twelf tide and the sonday after when the maskes were shewen.

Ayringes

Candlemas Shrovetyde Anno Regni Reginæ Elizabethe xxj^{mo} 1578. Wages of {Artificers; ixⁿ. iiij^s.

Officers: xijⁿ.

Emptions, and pvisions; lviij^s. viij^d.

Wages {Artificers; liijⁿ. xviij^s. vj^d.

of {Officers; xixⁿ.

Emptions pvisions Reward? cariage;}

cc.xxⁿ. iiij^s. viij^d.

Sa cexliiij¹¹. vija. iiijd.

The chardges of those tymes; vid2. Betwene the first of February 1578. Anno Regni Reginæ Elizabeth pred xxj°. At wch tyme the work¢ beganne for the pviding, apting, pparing furnishing and setting furth of divse plaies comodies or shewes of histories and Inventions and devises incident. And the vjth of Marche, 1578. Anno Regni Regine pred xxj°. At wch tyme the work¢ and attendaunc¢ did end. Together wth all the emptions, pvisions of stuffe and necessaries cariag¢ and other incident¢ bought, pvided done and attended by divse psons whose sevall names rat¢ and wages wth their Reward¢ and allowaunc¢ do pticulerly in their apt plac¢ ensue.

The history of provided to have ben shewen at whitehall on candlemas daie at nighte by the Earle of Warwick? servaunt? furnished in this office wth sondrey garment? and propties. Being in redines at ye place to have enacted the same. But the Quenes Matte wold not come to heare the same and therefore put of.

The history of the Knight in the Burnyng Rock showen at Whitehall on shrovesondaie at night enacted by the Earle of Warwicke s'vaunte, furnished in this office wth sondrey garmentes and ppties.

The history of Loyaltie and bewtie shewen at Whitehall on Shrove Monday at night enacted by the children

Histories and Invencons prepared for and furnisshed shewen and to be shewen whin the tyme aforesaid iiij viz.

of the Quenes mates chappell furnished in this office wth verie manie Riche garmentes and propties aptly fitted for the same.

The history of murderous Michael shewen at Whitehall on Shrovetuesdaie at night enacted by the L. Chamberleynes s'vaunt?, furnished in this office wth sondrey thing?.

Taylors and others working and attending the primisss the first at xx^d. the daie, and as much the night, the reste at xij^d. ix¹¹. xij^d.

Paynters and others working and attending uppon the p^rmisses the day and night at sondrey rate;

iiijii. vijs.

The Porter John Dawncey & Attendaunt? at, xijd. the daie; xlvs.

Wyerdrawers at sondrey rate; xxviij. iiijd.

Proptymakers, one at ij. p diem, the rest at xvjd. the daie; xlviij.

Carpenters at xvjd. the daie, asmouch the night; xls.

Joyners at sondrey rate; xlvs. viijd.

The Mr at iiijs. the daie	daves. 12.		igh 6	ts.	s. lxxij	Thofficers
The Clerk comptrollor at ijs	12.	•••••	6	•••	xxxvj	
The Clerk at ij	12.		6		xxxvj	
The Yoman, at ijs	12.	••••	6	•••	xxxvj	
					ix ^{li} .	

Sma of all the wag? due wthin this office as well for workemenship tattendaunc? done in and upon that faires therof for Candlemas and shrovetyde ending the Sixte of March 1578 in the xxjth yere of her Mates Raigne.

xxxijll. xv.

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Emptions Provisions and cariages wth Reward and other chardge incident.

The Lynen Draper.

Mres Dane for canvas by her delived into this office at sondrey tymes; vi2. the xxvjth of February, 1578. one peece of canvas cont. xxxix ells. at xiiijd. the ell; xlvs. vjd. And the second of Marche 1578. one peece of canvas cont. xxxix ells at xiiijd. the ell; xlvs. vjd. the whole amounting unto lxxviij ells; iiiju. xjs.

Upholsters percells.

....... for one peece of yealowe Buckeram; vjs. white Buckram, ij yard e di. iijs. iiijd. Black buckram iiij yard e; vs. iiijd. in all. xiiijs. viijd.

Chaundlers percells.

Barnard Fabyan for sondrey peells by him brought into the office; vi2.

into the omce;	VIZ).		
Greate cord, vj peece;	••••	•. ▼	d. iiij
Cotten candles at $iiij^d$, the li. $iiij$ dozen;		xvj	-
Glewe one pownd;	••••		iiij
Lyncke at iiijd. the peece, xiiij;	••••	iiij	viij
Pack thred, iij li;	••••	iij	
Seering candles one pound;	••••		xij
Small cord v peece;	••••	ij	vj
Staffe bromes iij;	••••		vj
	XXX	ciij*. i	iiij ^a .

Carpenters percells

John Rose senyor for certeyne peells by him bestowed in and about a rock at the Courte for a plaie enacted by the Earle of Warwicke servaunte; viz.

Longe sparre poles of Furre; vj^s. x^d. peece of Elme cutt compasse; iiij^s.

Rowland Robynson for sondrey thing by him brought into the office; viz.

Oken bord three hundred; xxj. Elme bourd xxj foote; xviijd. Furre poles xxj wherof xiiij for altering

the lightes on Shrovetuesdaie and the rest for the frames; x^s. vj^d. single quarters x 't for cariage of them and the rest to the court; iij^s.; in all xxxvj^s.

....... Gybsonne for certeyn peells by him bestowed about the rock at the court for a play enacted by the Earle of Warwicke svante; vi2.

Dobble quarters, iiij; ij^a. single quarters ij; vj^d. deale bourde xxxij; xxxij^a. Elme borde, 153. foote, xij^a.; in all; xlvj^a. vj^d. iiij^a. xiij^a. iiij^d.

Ulryck Netsley for certeyne peells by him wrought Ironand delyvered into the office; vi2.

For an Iron for the wagon that s'ved in the plaie of percells Loyaltie and bewtie; ij. vj. and for mending a scalling ladder that s'ved at the Rock; viij. In all; iij. ij.

Ironmongers or Smythes percells

Rychard Warby for sondrey peells by him brought into the office; vi2.

Doble x^d. nayles to alter the light in the hall on shrovetuesdaie and to have lightes in the prence and for setting upp of the frames 425. vij^s. j^d. Single x^d. nayles for the same cause iiij^c; iij^s. iiij^d. vj^d. nayles for the same cause v^c; ij^s. vj^d. iij^d. nayles one c.; iij^d. In all; xiij^s. ij^d.

George Joyner for sondrey peells by him boughte and brought into the office to be spente about the rock, vi2.

Dobble x^d. nayles 425.; vij^s. j^d. single x^d. nayles 800. vj^s. viij^d. Two penny nayles 500. t iij^d. nayles 400., for the same cause and for the wagon of Loyaltie and bewtie; iij^s. ij^d. vj^d. nayles, 400.; ij^s. Sparres viij, iiij^s. hoopes and packthread; xiiij^d. In all;

xxiiijs. jd.

John Rose senior for nayles of sondry sorte used about the Clowde and drawing it upp and downe;

vj*. viijd, xlvij*. jd.

Fewell

Thomas Stronge for mony by him disbursed for a Load of Coales; xxij. vjd.

John Davyes for money by him disbursed; vi2.

For coales at the Courte to drie the Painters worke on the Rock; vjd.

xxiijs.

Necessaries

Thomas Wright for sondrey thing by him pvided and brought into the office; vi2.

Paste borde iiij dozen; xij. Tape iji. quarter di.; xj. ijd. Thred of sondrey Cullors iji. iiij q. ters di.; xj. vjd. Browne thread ji. Quarter; iiij. iiijd. Ivie ij bundles; ij. A painted cheste for my Lo. Chamb'layns men; xvjd. for the hier of foure feathers ij. In all; xliij. iiijd.

John Rose senio for mony by him disbursed; viz. For lead for the chaire of the burnyng Knight; ij. vjd. Candlestick to work by at the court, ij. for a coard t pullies to drawe upp the clowde; iij. in all; vij. vjd.

John Davyes for certeyne thinge by him pvided and brought into the office; vi2.

Ivie and holly for the Rock in the play enacted by the Earle of Warwick svaunt; iiij. ijd. Aquavite to burne in the same Rock; iijs. Rosewater to alay the smell therof; xijd. Glasses to carry the same and other for the use therof; xijd. thred expended at the courte; ijd. Bladders, jd. and Beares feete; xviijd. x. x. xjd.

John Drawater for sondry thinge by him provided and brought into the office; vi2.

Gloves for the children of the chappell xviijten paire; x. A garland of grapes and leaves for Baccus and other of roses for.....used in the play of Loyaltie and Bewtie; ij. iiijd. for ijl. of Sises to have served in the play that should have ben showed on Candlemas daie at night; ija. iiijd. for the hire of iij vizars that should have served that night; xviijd. For a hoope and blewe Lynnen cloth to mend the clowde that was Borrowed and cut to serve the rock in the plaie of the burnyng Knight and for the hire therof and setting upp the same where it was borowed; x. iiij^H. vij. xid.

Willyam Lyzard for cullors and other necessaries by Paynters him pvided and brought into the office; viz.

percells

Three masking coate made of doble pap three hatte covered wth the same iii broomes painted v staves and a Quinten painted wth a fooles head;

For Fyne Cullers gold and silv for patorns for the mores maske that should have served on Shrovetuesday,

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iiij.
                                                             xiiijs.
   Syse xiiij gallons;
  Copper culler for the Lighte in the hall;
                                                          iij. iiijd.
  Masticott, j<sup>H</sup>.;
                                                                iij.
  Browne, ji.:
                                                             xviijd.
  Blewe di.".;
                                                               iiij.
  Verte, iiij<sup>n</sup>.
                                                              xvj.
  Smalt iiij<sup>ii</sup>.;
                                                              xvjs.
  White lu.;
                                                        xvijs. vjd.
  Assidewe, v<sup>H</sup>.;
                                                        xvjs. viijd.
  Red ij". xvjd. Sape, di.". xxd.;
                                                               iij⁵.
  Black, vii.: vs. glewe ijii. viijd.;
                                                          vs. viijd.
  Trashe nayle, xiiijd. Potte, vjd. the botchyer at son-
drey tymes;
                                                         ijs. viijd.
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In all; vj¹¹. vij². iiij⁴. Wherof the M^r and clerk comptroller have abated for excessive price. xij². And so resteth;

c.xv². iiij⁴.

Wyerdrawers percells Edmond Burcholl for sondrey peells by him provided and brought into the office; vi2,

Doble x^d. nayles to strayne wyers, c xiiij^d. Packnedles vj. iij^d. pullies, ij.; viij^d.; xj^d. Fyne Wyer j^h.; xiiij^d. great wyer; xxij^h.; xxij^s.

xxiij^s. ij^d.

Small braunches, iij; newe; xxxij.

Newe mending of xiiij old braunches of the same;

ixs. iiijd.

For iij great braunches;

vj^u.

For his going by water, iiij tymes; xvj⁴.

In all; ix¹¹. vij². xj⁴. wherof abated by the M^r and

clerk comptroller xvj. viijd. 't so resteth; viijh. xj. iijd.

Botehier and cariage by water and Land and Rewardes.

John Davyes for money by him disbursed; viz.

Boatchier to the courte the xxvijth of February 1578 to sett upp the candelsticke; iiij⁴.

Cariage of the rock from Bridewell to the court the first of March, 1578 xiiijd. his owne botehier agayne; iijd. xxid.

George Joyn' for money by him disbursed; vi2,

For his botchier from Southwark to the courte and back agayne; on sonday, Monday and tuesday the first of March, 1578; ijs. vjd.

John Rose senio for money by him disbursed; vi2,

For his botchier to the Courte to take measure of the bignes of the Rock, and back agayne and after into London for provision of stuffe; xx^d.

Thomas Stronge for money by him disbursed, vi2, For botchier for the M^r to and from the courte the

23rd of February 1578. being sent for by Mr Threasorer, viijd. For botchier for the Mr to the court and back agayne the 25 and 26 of February 1578 being sent for by the Lo. Chamberleyne about patornes of maske. xviijd. For the Mr his botchier to and from the courte the firste, second, third, and Fourth of March, iiijs. From the courte to Leicester howse to speake with my L. Chambrleyn; viijd. geven to the Porters for Late comyng owte at the Water gate the said First, second, and third of Marche; ij. In all; viij. xd.

John Drawater for mony by him disbursed; viz,

For his botehier to and from the courte sondrey tymes at the making readie and setting upp the frames, Rocke, and lightes in the hall against Shrovesondaie, and to and from the court, the first, second, third and fowrth of March, 1578. for the safe bestowing of the furnyture in the hall for the players their enacted; vs. vid.—geven to the Porter for late comyng owte the gate, xijd.-to the painters on Shrove tuesdaie to send for victualls, because they should not go from their work; vjd. For caryage a hamp wth stuffe to shewe my Lo. Chamberleyne to the courte, and back agayne; xviijd. For cariage of two Frames to the courte the 28 of February, 1578. xx4. For cariage of them and the rock from the court in two Carres; iij. viijd. To Roger Atkinson for carying Stuffe at two seviall tymes that served the children of the Quenes chappell and my Lo. Chamberleynes men to the court and back agayne; iiij. In all; xvij. iiijd.

Edmond Tyllney Esquier Mr of the said office having Howse rent by graunte from her Matte by her Lres patente dated theof Julie in the xxith yeare of her Mates Raigne the office of the mastership of the said office, and a mansion howse win thappnince. The same office being specially

appointed continued and used wthin the howsing and princte of St. Johnes where all the store and furniture of the said office have bene and is kept and remaynyng. The howsing and romes there appteynyng to him being Imploied that he cannot yet convenyently have the same, But is driven to hire an other. He is to be allowed for the rent wherof from Christmas, 1578. Ao 21° RRegine pred untill mydsom⁷ 1579 Ao R.R. Ao 21° Regine pred untill mydsom⁷ 1579 ao R.R. O 21° by the space of one half yeare after [the rate] of xiij¹¹. viij¹². viij¹³. pannū; xi¹¹. xiij¹³. iiij¹⁴.

Item for money disbursed and to be disbursed aswell about the chardge for making the accounte to the Audito of thempreste and declaration of the same befor my Lo' Treasorer and S' Walter Myldmey. As also for the chardge in suying furthe the Quenes warrante the privie seale order for the money and receipt of the same; viii.

Sma of all the Emptions provisions cariage rewarded and other necessaries besides the wage aforesaid for Candlemas and Shrovetyde, Anno RR Elizabeth pred, xxjmo. lii. ija. iiijd.

Sma totlis of the whole boke; vi2 from the xiiijth of February 1577. Anno regni Regine Elizab. xx°. At weh tyme the boke of the Laste yeare ended untill the vjth of March, 1578. Annoq, RRne Elizabeth pred xxjm°; ccc.xxviji. vs. ijd.

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The Totall Sm^a of the whole booke; vi2), from the xiiijth of February, 1577, Anno RR^{ne} Elizabeth xx^{ne} until the xjth of Marche, 1578. Anno RR^{ne} Elizabeth pred, xxj^{ne}.

Betwene the vjth of Marche, 1578, A° xxj^{mo} RR^{ne} Elizabethe, and the Firste of November 1579. A° xxj^{mo} RR^{ne} Elizabethe, and the Firste of November 1579. A° xxj^{mo} RR^{ne} Elizabethe, and the Firste of November 1579. A° xxj^{mo} RR^{ne} Elizabethe, being viij monethes. The chardges of this office grewe by meanes of Ayringe, Repairing, Laying abroad, Turnyng, tackyng sowing brushing rubbing spunging folding laying upp and safe bestowing of the garmente, vestures, apparell, disguysinge, propties and furnyture of the same from tyme to tyme wthin those monethes as the necessitie therof required to keepe the same in redines for service, wth ells wold decay and be Rotten by meanes of the Danknes of the howse and want of convenient presses and place requisite to bestowe the same in the pties names who attended the office for the same purpose hereafter Ensueth, vi2).

Taylors and others working and attending the pmisses at thofficers comaundem the first at xx^d . the day, the rest at xij^d . as in form pcedent ℓ ; vij^u . $xiij^s$. $iiij^d$.

Thofficers

The Mr at iiij. the day;	dayes . 20	•••••	ii. iiij	5.
The clerk comptroller, at ijs. the daie	; 20	•••••		хl
The Clark at ij. the day;	. 20	•••••		$\mathbf{x}\mathbf{l}$
The yeoman at ijs. the day;	. 20	•••••		xl

Fewell and other necessaries Henry Dyson, For sondrey Fewell and other necessaries by him bought and brought into the office and used at sondrey tymes in the said Ayring? whin the tyme aforeseid; vi2,

Coles xxx sacke; xxv. Billette one M.; xiij. iiijd. Fagote one hundred; v. iiijd. Browne thread di.; xiiijd. White thread, ji.; ijs. xd. Black thread ji.; ijs. iiijd. cullered thread, iij q. rt. li. ijs. viijd. Tape ji. iijs. viijd. Brushes iiij.; viijs. Rubbing brushes iij; xd. White brushes Longe and shorte for cobwebbes, iiij; ijs.

lxvij*. ijd.

Sma to^{hs} of all the whole Ayring? whin the tyme aforesaid; xxj^h. vj^d.

Sma tolls of the whole booke, viz, from the xiiijth of February 1577. As q, RRne Eliz xxo (At went tyme the booke of the Last years ended) until the First of November, 1579. Annoq, RRne Elizabeth, pred xxjmo ccc.xlviijh v v viijd.

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[BOOK VII.]

Revelles, 1580. Anno R.Rue Elizabeth xxijdo The Lydgeard or Pertyculer Booke of the Chardges rysinge and growinge win the saide Offyce Betwene the Firste of November 1579. Ao xxjo RRne pred t the Firste of November 1580. Anno xxijdo RRne pred wthin web tyme there were workes done 't Attendaunce geven as followeth; videlt.

The Chardges of theis tymes; viz, From the firste Christmas daie of November, 1579. Anno xxjo RRne Elizabeth (at Twelvtyde whiche tyme the Booke for the last yeare ended) The and Shrovebegynnynge was of makinge choise of sondrye playes tyde and comodies and inventions at div's and sondrye tymes for Choyse of the tyme aforesaid, untill the xixth daie of December playes then next followinge at whiche tymes the workes began aswell for furnyshinge 't setting forthe of sondrye of the said playes comodies and Inventions. As also in Emptions and provisions made, togeather wth the Workes done and Attendaunce geven by div's Artyficers workemen and Attendante workinge and attendinge the same at sondry tymes from the said xixth of December, untill the xxth of February 1579. Anno xxijo RRne pred. At whiche tymes the workes and Attendante for those tymes did end for the newe makinge, translatinge, Repairinge, fyttinge furnyshinge, settinge forth of sondrye payntinges howses, vestures, garmente utencells and propties incydent and requysite for the showe of the said playes comodies pastymes Inventions and devises prepared made sett forthe and shewen before her Matte

Candlemas makinge

for her Regall disporte and pastyme wthin the tyme aforesaid. The whole chardges wherof togeather wth the pties names to whome and wherefore the same is due hereafter ensueth,

A History of the Duke of Millayn and the Marques of Mantua shewed at Whitehall on S^t. Stephens daie at nighte enacted by the Lord Chamberlaynes srvante wholie furnyshed in this offyce some newe made and moche altered whereon was Imployed for iiijor newe head attyers with traynes Scarfes, garters and other Attyers, xiij ells of Sarcenett a Cowntrie howse a Cyttye and vij paire of gloves.

A history of Alucius shewed at whitehall on S^t. Johns daie at nighte enacted by the Children of her Maties Chappell, wholly furnyshed in this offyce with many garment? newe made, manye altered and translated wheron was Imployed for head Attyers sleeves, Canyons Cases for hoase Skarfes garters and other repacons tenne Ells of Sarcenett, A. Cittie, a Battlement, and xviij paire of gloves.

A Historye of provided to have bene shewen at Whitehall on Innocente daie at nighte by the Earle of Leicesters srvante being in Readynes in the place to have enacted the same, whollye furnyshed wth sondrye thinges in this offyce. But the Queenes Matte could not come forth to heare the same, therefore put of.

A History of the foure sonnes of Fabyous shewed at Whithall on Newe yeares daie at nighte, enacted by the Earle of Warwick? srvants wholie furnyshed in this offyce win garment? some newe some altered and repaired, whereon was Imployed for new lynynge, translatinge,

and alteringe of the Senators gownes, iij head Attyres wth traynes for womens skarfes and girdles xiij ells of Sarcenett, a Cytie, a Mounte 't vj paire of gloves.

Histories and Inventions shewen whin the tyme aforesaid; viz. ix.

The History of Cipio African shewen at whitehall the wthin the sondaye night after newe yeares daie, enacted by the tyme afore-Children of Pawles furnyshed in this Offyce wth sondrey garment? and triumphant ensignes t bann's newe made and their head peec? of white sarcenett, scarfes and garters whereon was ymployed ells of Sarcenett, a Citie a Battlemt and xviijne payre of gloves.

The History of shewen at Whitehall on Twelvedaye at nighte by the Earle of Leicesters servente furnished in this offyce wth many garmente, utensells, and propties, some made newe some translated and made fitt, whereon was ymployed for head Attyers, scarfes and garters ells of Sarcenett, A Citie a Countrye house and vij paire of gloves.

The history of Portio and Demorantes shewen at Whitehall on Candlemas daie at nighte enacted by the Lord Chambleynes servante wholly furnyshed in this offyce, whereon was ymployed for scarfes garters, head Attyers for women 't Lynynges for hatte vj ells of Sarcenett, a cytie, a towne, and vj payre of gloves.

The History of Serpedon shewen at Whitehall on

Shrovetwesdaye at nighte enacted by the Lord Chambleyns servents wholly furnyshed in this office wheron was ymployed for head attyers for women and Scarfes xj ells of Sarcenett, a greate Citie, a wood, a castell and vj payre of gloves.

Taylors and other Attendant workinge and attendinge the p^rmiss the first at xx^d, the daie and asmoche the night and the rest at xij^d.

Paynt's the first at ij. the daie asmoche the nighte, the second at xx^d. the rest xviij. the daye 't asmuch the nighte.

Wyerdrawers the first at xx^d. the daye and as moche the nighte, the rest at xvj^d.

Carpent's at xvjd. the daye and asmoche the nighte,

The Porter at xijd. the daye and asmoche the nighte.

Toffycers the first at iiijs. the daie, and asmoche the nighte, the rest at ijs. the day and asmoche the nighte

The Master;	dayes, . 39	•••	nights. 21	•••••	ıi. xij
The Clarke comptroller;	. 39	•••	21		vj
The Clarke;					
The Yeoman;	. 39	•••	21	•••••	vj

Sum of all the wages due within this offyce for work-manshipp and attendaunce in the same within the tyme aforesaid; c.viijⁱⁱ. xvj. x^d.

Ed. Tyllney.
Edwarde Buggyn.
Walter Fysshe.

Emptions & provisions.

John digges for sondrye thinges by him bought provided and brought into the said offyce; viz.

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White sarcenet xxvj ells, at vj. the elle;
                                                  vij<sup>u</sup>. xvj*.
  Canvas fower peece contayninge in the whole elles
142. at xijd. the ell;
                                                    vij<sup>li</sup>. ij*.
  Paste bordes one dosen;
                                                        iiij•.
  A standishe brought into the store howse of the office;
                                                     ijs. iiijd.
  Firre poles vj;
                                                         iijs.
  Coales one loade:
                                                      xxvj*.
  Faggotte one hundred;
                                                        viijs.
                                                              Mercers and
                                                              Lynen dra-
  Billette one thowsand and the Carryage thereof;
                                                              pers percells
                                                              and other
                                                              necessaryes.
  Carryage of stuffe to the Court at sondry tymes;
                                                         ij⁵.
  Hoopes to make a Mounte;
                                                         iijs.
   Nailes of sondry sortes, ix hundred, and 4 pillers;
                                                    ixs. ixd.
  Bote hier to and from the Court at sondry tymes;
                                                    ijs. iiijd.
   Coullers used at:
                                                        xijd.
  Ropes three Bundells;
                                                         vj.
  Holly, Ivy, and Baies;
                                                        XXd.
  Russett Jeyne Fustian, xviij yarde;
                                                      xviii.
                                                 XXH. Vs. id.
   Barnard Fabyan for sondrie peells by him broughte
                                              viz).
into the offyce;
  Cotton Candells at iiijd. the li. vj dosen, di;
                                                      xxvi*.
  Packthread iiiji. at xijd. the li.
                                                        iiij*. Chaundelors
                                                              percells
                                                         vid.
   Glew j<sup>11</sup>.;
   Searinge candell ij<sup>n</sup>. di.;
                                                     ijs. vja.
  Great cord v peece at xvjd. the peece;
                                                   .vjs. viijd.
   Small cord at vjd. the peece vij peece;
                                                     iijs. vjd.
   Lyncke vj;
                                                          ij.
                                                    xlvs. ijd.
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Thomas Wright for sondry thinges by him bought Necessaries provided t brought into the office; viz,

Fyne collored thread at iiij ^s . the pound iij ⁿ . iij	quarters;
	xvs.
Past borde of sondry sorte, ij dosen di.:	ixs.
Fyne white thread at vj. the pound, iij que	rters of a
pound;	iiijs. vj ^a .
Browne threade, at ijs. viijd. the pound one	pound and
one Quarter;	iij*. iiij ⁴ .
Tape of sondry cullors and prizes three p	ound(;
	xij*. xd.
Gloves at vij. the dozen vij dozen, di.;	lij•. vjd.
Tainter Hookes at viijd. the c. ijc.;	xvj⁴.
Nayles at iiijd. the c. cc.;	viij ^d .
Carryage and recaryage to and from the	e courte,
sort? of stuffe and garmtes at sondry tymes;	xvijs. vjd.
Baskett(ij; xijd. glasse Bottells, ij; xd.	xxij ^d .
Silke one ounce;	ij⁵.
Mendinge a locke for the store howse dore;	xvj⁴.
Pynduste one pound;	xij ^d .
Black thread of sondry sorte iij quarters;	ijs. jd.
Hoppes one pound;	xij ^d .
Bromes Rubbing Brushe;	y⁴.
Milke and Butter;	vj ^d .
V.	j ⁱⁱ . vjs. x ^d .
John Sherborne for sondrye thinges by him provided, used, expended, I brought into the Lodginge for the rehearsall of sondrie playes	Masters
about of direct of them for how Motte -in.	

Lodginge for the rehearsall of sondrie playes to make choise of div's of them for her Maue. viz;

Cotton candells at sondry price xv dozen; iij". j*. iijd.

Plates for to hange upon Walles to sett v Candles.

in vij; vjs.

Torches ijo dozen at xiiijs. the dozen; xxviijs.

Billett? iiij thowsand at xvjd. the thowsand; lxiiijs.

Coales ij loades at xxvjs. the Loade; lijs.

Rushes, yncke, and paper ijo Lock?, and the amend-

inge of one Locke, Hookes, nayles, iiijor Wheeles, and Flowers, paterns for head attyers; xxviijs. iiijd.

Lawne Ruffes for head attyres, vj; vjs.

xiji. vs. vijd.

Edmonde Tylney esquier M^r of the said Offyce for dyver provisions by him made and his chardges in the service of the said Offyce at sondrye tymes; vi2.

For his Attendaunce, botchyer and other chardges to and from the Court at Greenewiche by the space of ij monethes and more by Comaundem for settinge downe of dyverse devises to Receave the Freenche;

For his botchier and other Chardge to and from thence about the declaracon of the laste yeares accompte to my Lord Treasorer and my Lord Chamberleyne; xxx.

For his Chardges wth the Chardges of the players, the Carriage and recariage of their stuffe, for examynynge and Rehersinge of dyv^rs plaies and Choise makinge of x of them to be showen before her Ma^{tle} at Christmas, twelfetide, Candlemas and Shrovetyde, and their sondry rehersalls afterward? till to be p^rsented before her Ma^{tle};

To one Porter and iij other Attendes at severall tymes after the rate of xij^d. a pece A day for their attendaunce and service at the rehersalls, and Choise makinge of the said x plaies; x¹¹.

For v yard? of greene clothe at viij. the yarde, and for a deske; xlix.

For his Attendaunce at the Court xij weekes after Ashewedensday to sue out the warrant and for horse hier and Ridinge Chardges dyv¹rse tymes to Nonesuche to Satisfie her Mate, my Lo. Treasorer, and my Lo. Chamberleyne in matters concernynge the offyce; c².

xxxiij^{li}. xix*.

Willim Barker for sondry thing? by him provided and browght into this offyce to be used at shrovetyde: vi2.

Rafters, iiijor Firre poles, iiij Borde one		
hundreth;	xiiij	iiij
Doble Quarters fower;	ij	•
Doble x ^d . nayles one hundred, single, x ^d .	·	
nayles ij hondread; six peny nayles three		
hundread, two peny nayles one hundred;	v	
For Carriage of the thing abovesaid to the	•	
Court;		xvj
Out ,	xxij	
John Davyes for sondry thinge by him	•	•
used in the said office; viz),	provided	anu
For Ivy, nayles, Collored thred and tape	li. s.	d.
vjd.; Browne thred Caryage of Stuffe	••	٠.
into the Mrs Chamber;	ij	vij
For Carryage of a Load of tymber from the		
Court to St Johns bote hier for the		
straunger that Brought Cawles;	•••	xvj
	iij	
Edmonde Bircholl for sondry thinge by		ight
provided and browght into the offyce; viz	-	
Hande Candelstyckes, iiij dozen;	viij	
Stocke Candelsticke, one dozen, for		
painters, vj bodkins;	ij	vj
Plate Candelstick one dozen;	ij	
Dowte for Candells, vj snuffers vj paire;	ij	vj
Lantornes vj, one paile, hookes and eyes		
one thowsand	xiij	ix
one thowsand;	•	14
A hollowe knife of plate, head of wier, iiij;	v	
Bowles for a speare, iiijor white wandes,		
Soder two pound;	-	viij
Botehier to the Court win the stuffetwise;		viij
wier xxxiji. A Pole, Rosin, Bayes;	xxxiij	ij
Lightes of Plate in Braunches, xxiiij	vi	

White Plates iij, nayles, quiltinge needles; ij Rubbinge Brushes ij, Heath Brushe one; iij viij Lighte of Plate in Braunches more, ij°; x Red Incke and a Bottell; v x vj iiij

John Drawater for money by him disbursed for sondry thinge; vi2,

Nayles at vjd. the hundred, iiije doble xd. nayles, iije single xd. nayles, cc, fower peny nayles ije iijd. nailes iijd.; je bordes je; xvjs. vijd.

Furre poles to make Rayles for the battlem^{tes} and to make the prison for my L. of Warwick? men at vj^d. the peece, v^e.; single Quarters to enlardge the Scaffolde in the hall one Twelfenight, vj^e.; xviij doble quarters for the same Cause; ij. xij^d.; vij^e. vj^e.

For a Reame of pap to make Counterfeit flowers patterns and otherwise used in the Offyce for foldinge of sondry thing (; vj. viij...)

For his bote hier to and from the Court at sondry tymes during Christmas, Twelfetyde, Candellmas, and Shrove and many tymes in the night after the plaies were ended;

vjs. viijd.

xxxvijs. vd.

The Clerke for his Ordynarye Greenecloth, pap, incke, Quilles, waxe Counters, Deskes, Standishes, and tooles, for the makynge compiling, and conservinge of the Bookes, bylles, plote, paternes, and models to for and concernynge this Offyce; lxvjs. viijd.

Thomas Skynn^r for sondry parcells by him deliv^red into the offyce; vi2,

Chaungeable sarsenett at vjs. viijd. the ell xxxj ells; x11. vjs. viijd.

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White sarsenett at vj. viijd. the ell, iij elles di;

xxiijs. iiijd.

Yelowe sarsenett at vj^s. viij^d. the ell, j ell, and a quarter; viij^s. iiij^d.

Blacke sarsenett, at vj. viijd. the ell, vj ells; xl. Greene sarcenett, at vj. viijd. the ell, iij ells; xx. xiiijl. xviijs. iiijd.

Willfin Lyzarde for sondry thing? by him browght into the offyce

Syse, cullers, pottes, nayles and pensills used and occupyed upon the payntinge of vij Cities, one villadge one Countrey howse, one battlement, iiij axes, a Braunche, lillyes and a mount for Christmas iij Holidaies;

iiij^{li}. xv*. viij^d.

Syse, cullers, pott?, Assydewe, golde, and silver used and occupied for the Garnyshinge of xiiij titles iiij facynges of sarsenett powdered with Ermyns A Backe of Armor a paier of wyng?, a banner a pendaunt, and foure guilte balls againste newyeares day the sonday after Twelfeday and Candelmas; lij*. iiijd.

Syse, cullers, Assidew and other necessaries used and occupied about the Furnyshinge and garnyshinge of three greate braunches of Leights in the hall, fower and Twenty small braunches all twise garnyshed for Twelfetyde and Shrovetyde; liij^a. iiij^d.

x^{ll}. xvj^d.

Edwarde Buggyn gent. for money by him disbursed for standyshe, pap, wax, Quilles Bookes Counters bote-hier and in Reward? at sondry tymes duringe the workes;

Sm^a of the Emptions provisions and Carryages, 'tc; c.xvij¹. xviij¹. iiij⁴.

Smª total of all the Emptions, provisions, carryages

and reward? wth the wages 't attendant? wthin the tyme aforesaid; cc.xxvj". xvs. ijd.

Walter Fysshe.

Ed. Tyllney.
Edward Buggyn.

Betwene the twentith of February, 1579. Regni Regine Elizabeth xxijdo at weh tyme the workes for the tymes aforesaid did end. And the first of October 1580, Anno Regni Regine Elizabeth Pd. The Chardges of this offyce grewe at sondry tymes by meanes of Ayringe repayringe, amendinge, Brushinge, spungeinge, Rubbynge, wypinge, swepinge, Cleane puttinge in order foldinge, layinge upp, and safe bestowinge of the garmente vestures apparell, dysguisinges, propties, furniture of the same from tyme to tyme win the tyme aforesaid, as the necessitie thereof at sondry tymes required to kepe the same in redynes for service, weh ells wolde be mowldy musty, mothe eaten and rotten by meanes of the danckness of the howse and wante of Convenient presses & places requier, togeathe win the oldnes of the stuffe and store within the saide offyice. The pties who comonly attend att the said office for the purpose wth theier severall names allowed for this tyme, togeather wth suche Emptions t necessaries as was expended at and aboute the same pticulerlie hereafter ensueth;

Taylors and others workinge and attendinge the pmysses the first at xx^d. the daye, the rest at xij^d.;

vij^{li}. xiij•. iiij^d.

The Mr at iiijs. the day;	dayes 20	•••••	^{li.} iiij	8.	Offycers
The Clerke comptroller at ijs. the day	20	•••••		$\mathbf{x}\mathbf{l}$	á'
The Clerke at ij. the day;	20	•••••		хl	
The Yeoman at ijs. the day;	20	•••••		хl	

x

Fewell and other necessaryes.

John Lucas for fewell and other necessaries by him bought and browghte into the offyce t used at sondry tymes in the said Ayringes to wthin the tyme aforesaid; vi2),

Coales twenty sack(, xx*.; Byllett(one thowsand; xvj*. 8d. Faggott(one hundreth; v*. viijd. Browne thredd di*.; xvjd. White thred three quarters of a to; ij*.; Blacke thred a to; ij*. iiijd.; Thred of sondry Collors three quarters of a to; ij*. vjd. Tape j to, iij*. iiijd. Brushes iij; vjs. Rubbinge Brushes, iij; xd. White Brushes longe and shorte for Cobwebbes, iiij; ij*. in all;

Edmond Tilney Esquier, for money by him dysbursed and to be disbursed aswell about the Charges for makynge the accompt? to the Auditor of themprest and declaracon of the same before my Lo. Treasourer and Sr Walter Myldmay, As also for the Chardges in suynge on the Quenes Warraunte the privy seale order for the payment of the money and receipte of the same; viij¹.

Smª total of the Chardges last aforesaid;

xxviijⁱⁱ. xvj[.].

October 1580 A° xxij^{do} Regni R^{ne} Elizabeth Layinge abroade, turnynge, mending, brushing, spunginge, Rubbinge and puttinge in order and redynes of the Mask(vestures, players garmtes, propties stuffe, store and ymplement(of this offyce for the shewe thereof to the before Thomas Sackford Esquier Mr of the Request(and Sir Owen Hopton Knight liefe Tenante of her Mattes Tower of London especially appointed and aucthorised to viewe and devide the store theire Remaynynge with the waitinge, workynge and attendaunce of the offycers of the same office and others workinge, framynge, Compillinge and declarynge the state ymplement(and remayne untill the full puse and determy-

nacon of the same, by vertue of a warrante under six of the Counsells hand? beneath menconed. The Chardges from the said first of October untill the first of November Anno pd. as here under the psons names win their sevall duetyes and wherfore pticularly ensueth, v2.

After or harty, Comendacons; Whereas the Queenes To or lohath lately by her lies Patente bestowed the Office of the Mr of the Revells their are to signify unto you her highnes pleasure is That you doe Repaire unto the said Office It theire to take a view and puse the stuffe which remayneth theire in what estate it is in and so takinge suf- ton Knight ficient Inventory of suche of the same stuffe as shalbe found remayninge, making a dyvision in the same Inventory of suche of the same stuffe as shall seeme serviceable from the rest not serviceable and deliver the same by Indenture to Edmond Tylney nowe Mr of the saide Offyce. And so fare you well, from the Corte at Oteland this eighte day of Awgust.

vinge frendes Mr Seckford M^r of the Requestes, S^r Öwyn Hop-Leif tennt of her Maties Tower of London.

Thomas Bromley Canc. Willm Burleighe. Sussex. R. Leicester, Fra Walsinghem, John Wylson.

Taylors to others workinge and attendinge the Pmysses the first at xxd. the daye, the rest at xijd.;

iij^B. xiij*. iiijd.

The M ^r	dayes. 5	1	i. s. XX	-	Thoffycers
The Clerk Comptroller;	5		x		the Firste at
The Clerk;	5		x		iiij ^s . the
The yeoman;	5		x		daye, the rest at ij.
		ij	x		_
Sma of the wages;			c.xviij	iiij	

John Digges for Fewel and sondrye other necessaryes by him bought brought and used in thoffyce for the tyme 1 purpose; viz),

Emptions and Provisions

Rushes; va. Coales xxx sackes; xxvja. viijd. Billette one thowsand; xvj. Locke and keyes of Ulricke, Netsey for the store howse, Cheste and presses and for hinges and staples for the same Cheste I presse for the safe kepinge and bestowinge of the stuffe menconed in the Inventoryes; xxxiij. iiijd. Paper pchement, Counters, Standishe pyndust, pens, quylls wax 't toles for makinge compilinge t examynynge the same Inventoryes; xiija. iiijd. Thred Tape bodkyns brushes & Rubbers, for settinge thinges in Readynes for the tyme and purpose aforesaid; xvjs. xd. in all; vli. xi j.

For the Ingressinge of three paire of Indented Inventories; xŀ.

Smª Total of the Chardges aforesaid: xiiji. xª. iiijd.

The Totall of this booke; viz, from the first daye of November, 1579. Anno xxj RRne Elizabeth, untill the first of Novemb 1580. Anno xxijdo RRne pred,

cc.lxixi. is. vid.

Chrystmas Candlemas and Shrovetyde

Eyringes from the xxth of Feb., 1579. untill the firste of Oct., 1580.

Wages (Artyfycers; vijh. xiijs. iiijd. of Offycers; х^ц. Emptions and provi-) sions with the Chardges { xju. ij. viijd.] of the Accompte;

The Chardges of the Survey

Wages of { Artyficers; lxviij*. iiijd. Offycers; l*. Emptions t provisions; vji. xjs. iiijd.

ix viij xiij

cclxixli. xd. Ed. Tyllney. Edward Buggyn. Walter Fysshe.

[BOOK VIII.]

Revelle. 1580. Annoq Regni Regine Elizabeth, xxiijo.

Attendaunce geven and worke done betwene the firste of November, 1580. Anno regni Regine Elizabethe, xxijo. and the laste of October 1581. Anno regni Regine Elizabethe pred xxiijo. By meanes of choise making reformyng and attending of suche plaies comodies and invencons as were presented and set furth before her Matte at choise mathe tymes aforesaid. The whole chardges wherof aswell for wages as for wares Journing chardges and expence therunto belonging hereafter pticulerly ensueth.

Christmas Twelftide Candlemas and Shrovetide twoe challendges and the king of playes. Anno regni Regine Elizabethe xxiijo. 1580.

A. Comodie called delighte, shewed at whitehall on The Earle of St. Stephens daie at night wheron was ymploied newe, one cittie, one battlement and xij paire of gloves,

Leicesters men

A Storie of enacted on St. Johns daie at night The Earle of wheron was Imploied newe one howse, one battlement and thirtene paire of gloves.

Sussex men

A Storie of shewed at whitehall on Newe The Earl of Derbies men yeres daye at nyght wheron was ymployed newe one cittie, one battlement and xiij paire of gloves.

A storie of Pompey, enacted in the hall on twelfnighte The children whereon was ymploied newe, one great citty, a senate of Pawles

howse, and eight ells of dobble sarcenet for curtens, and xviij paire of gloves.

A.challendge. A challendge at the Tilte proclaymed on Twelf nighte and performed by therle of Arundle the xxijth of January following during all w^{ch} tyme the M^r of the Revells attended for the prenting of diverse devises w^{ch} happened in that meane season.

The earle of Sussex men.

A storie of shewed on Candlemas daie at night whereon was ymploied newe, one cittie, one battlement, and xij paire of gloves besides other furniture out of thoffice.

The children of the Quenes Ma^{tes} chappell.

A Storie of enacted on Shrovesondaie night wheron was ymployed, xvij newe sutes of apparell; ij new hate of velvet; xx^{ue} Ells of single sarcenet for facinge, bande scarfes and girdles, one citty, one pallace, and xviij paire of gloves.

The Earle of Leicesters men. A Storie of shewed on Shrovetuesdaie at night in the hall wheron was ymploied one great citty and xij paire of gloves.

Wages.

The Yeoman, Porter t certen taylors for worke doing; xiiijⁿ. xvj^s.

The Maister one porter and iij other servitors for Attendauntes geven in the The maister of the Revells aswell for his attendaunce at the tymes aforesaid, as also for the choise making of playes at iiij. the daie from All Hollan Eve untill Ashwednesdaie; xxijⁱⁱ.

Edmond Burchall and his ij men, himself at xxd. the Wier daie asmuch the night and his men at xvjd. the day a drawers the peece; vj daies and viij nightes:

firste at xxd. iij". viijd. the day and the reste at xvjd.

Carpenters at xvjd. the day and as much the night; iiij^{li}. xv^s.

Suma of all the wages due wthin this office for worke manship and Attendaunce at the tymes aforesaid;

lxvli. xvijs. iiijd. Ed. Tyllney. Walter fysshe.

Emptions and Provisions.	11	_		
Willia Lizard, paynting by greate of vj	li.	. 5.	d.	Paynters .
small citties I three battlemente;	ix			percells
Paynting by great of twoe great clothes,				•
at iiji. x. the peece ;	vij			
Sylvering of one Heraulte coate;		x		
Painting and working the braunches in				
the hall by greate;		lv		
Painting of ix titles wth coptmente;		xv		
	xx			
Candelsticke iiij dozen:		viij		Wier-
Stock candelsticke, ij dozen;		ij		drawers and
Wyer greate and small;		xxxvj		Ironmongers percells
Lanterns, iij;		vj		Postos
Small lightes of plate in braunches, xxvj				
at v. the peece;	vj	x		
One great newe lighte;		хl		•
For mending the old great lightes;		xij		
Pulleys;		•	xij	
Ropes sixe great and other small cord;		xij		
For mending agayne the iij greate lightes				
and vj small;		x		

170 EXTRACTS FROM THE ACCOUNTS OF

	5 . 10	li.	s.	d.
	Bodkyns;			xij
	Small lightes three for them wen were			
	stollen at twelftide;		XV	
	An Iron cradle to make fire in for the			
	players;		XX	
	One locke ;			xij
	Nayles and hookes of all sorte;		xx	
	Arsedewe xij". at iiijs. the pound;		xlviij	
Mercers		xviij	ij	
percells	Tho Skiner, Orendge taffeta sarcenet at	•	•	
	x*. the ell, viij ells;	iiij		
	Single sarcenet of divise cullors at vj.	J		
	viijd. the ell; xx ells;	vj	xiij	1111
	Buckeram red at xijd. the yard, xxjtte	٠,	Auj	J
	yarde;		ххj	
Haber-	yaiu(,	:	xiiij	::::
dashers per-	Truce broad combon hands for bats at iii	хj	xiiij	այ
cells	Twoe broad copher bonde for hate at iij.		_•	_***
	iiij ^d . the peece ;		_	viij
	Fethers ij, at v. the peece;		X	
_	The making of ij velvet hat(;		vj	•••
Carpenters percells			•	viij
percens	Bordes vjc at vijs. the hundred;		xlij	
	Rafters;		xij	
	Firre polles;		x	
	Dobble quarters;		viij	
	Single quarters;		vij	
	Cariage;		iij	
	i	iij	ij	
	John Sherbourne for divrse thinges by	him	brou	ght
	and provided for the office, used and exper	ided :	aswell	for
	the rehersalls of playes as at the courte, i			
	other place; vi2.			
Lightes	Cotten candle at sondrey price, xvj doz	en:	lxv•. ii	ijd.
3	Torches, iij dozen at xiiij. the dozen;			ij•.
	Lincke ij dozen at iiijs. the dozen;			iij•,

Billette, iiij thowsand at xvj. the thousand; lxiiij. Fewell Coles iiij load at xxvj. the load; vii. iiij. Fagotte twoe hundred at vj. the hundred; xij.

Rushes; viij⁸. Pastebordes; xij⁸. Glewe; ij⁸. Tape; Necessaries x⁸. Thred of div⁸se cullors and prices; xxv⁸. Botehier; v⁸. cariage and Recariage of stuffe, xv⁸. and for a close stoole; x⁸. iiij¹¹. vij⁸.

Edmond Tylney esquiere Mr of the said office for divrse thinges and provisions by him made and his chardges in the service of the said office at sondrey tymes; vi2.

Jhō Digges, Canvas c.xl ells at xijd. the ell; vijl. Canvas Gloves viij dozen at vijl. the dozen; lvjl. Gloves
Two yarde of velvet dying; vl.

Botehier at sondrey tymes; xxvjl.

For his ordinarie grene cloth, standishe Inck and Ordinary paper; iij¹¹. allowaunces

For his attendaunce and chardges at the courte after Ashewednesdaie, vij week? to sue out her Mates warrante; vji.

For the examynyng, compiling and twice writing of this booke; iii¹¹. xxiij¹¹. vij².

Sma of the emptions provisions it cariage;

iiij xvij^h. x^s. iiij^d.

Suma toths of all the emptions provisions and cariages with the wages and Attendaunt? within the tyme aforesaid.

c.lxiji. xixa. iiijd.

Ed. Tyllney.

Walter Fysske.

Attendaunce geven and worke done betwixt the xviijth

daie of Marche and the firste of Aprill Anno pred at the Comaundement of the Lord Chamberleyne for setting downe of paterns for maskes and making up of some of the same for the Receaving of the French Comissioners with the provision of certeyne stuffe propties and making of modells for a mownte and for the edifying of a greate pte of the saide Mounte. The pticularities wherof, hereafter ensueth; vi2.

Tailors and other attendaunt ℓ the firste at xx^d , the daie the reste at xij^d .

Smª viijli. va. iiijd.

xxiiiis.

		,		
The Officers'	The Maister;	daies 12	•••••	s. xlviij
the firste at iiiis. the	The clerkcomptroller;	12	•••••	xxiiij
reste at ij.	The Clerke;	12	•••••	xxiiij
	The Yeoman;	12	•••••	xxiiij
			S	ma vj ^{li} .

Painter Willm Lizard at iis, the day:

Tymberlent.

John Rose for the tymber and workmanship of a Mounte, to take it agayne into his owne hand? because it was not used; xlvj^s. viij^d.

John Bowles for copper lace frindge tassells and buttons deliv^red into the office for the workes w^{ch} should have ben done for paterns; x^{ll}. x^s.

Wilim Lyzard for cullors gold and silv for painting of paterns and such like; xxxvj.

Edward Buggen clerk comptroller of the said office for certen paterns of maskes brought into the office; xl*.

John Sherborne for ij load? of billet?; xxvij*. threed v*. tape, v*. paper for paterns; ij*. xxxix*.

Edmond Tyllney esquier M¹ of the Revells for his chardges and certen provision; vi2.

For his attendaunce at the proclaymyng of the challendge and the ij daies of the triumphe himself and his men; xxiiij.

For botchier for himself and his men at div se tymes during the laste work? of the Revells unto the Lord Chamberleyne and the Lord of Leicester for showing of paterns;

x.

For a head attire for a woman, of Lawne florished wth gold and silver wth longe pendente; xx*.

For a paire of winges of Estrichfeathers to have ben used in the maske; xxx*.

Sum^a

xxxviijli. xv.

Ayreinges.

Betwene the firste of Aprill, 1581. Anno regni Regine Elizabethe xxiijo at weh tyme the worke and attendante for the tymes aforesaid did end. And the firste of October 1581. Anno regni Regine Eliz. xxiijo the chardges of this office grewe at sondry tymes by meanes of ayring, repairing, brushing, spunging, rubbing, sweeping, putting in order laying up, and safe bestowing of the garmente vestures, disguisinge properties, and furniture of the same from tyme to tyme within the tyme aforesaid as the necessity therof at sondrey tymes required to kepe the same in redines for her Mates service. The whole chardges wherof aswell for wages as for other necessaries herafter pticulerly ensueth; vi2.

Taylors and other workmen 't attending the primises one at xx^d. the day and the reste at xij^d. the day.

viijⁿ. xiij^s. iiij^d.

Officers

The Mr at iiij*. the day	dayes 20		u. iiij	5.
The comptroller at ijs. the daye;	20			хl
The clerke at ij. the day;	20			хl
The yeoman at ijs. ye day;	20	•••••		хl
		Sm	×	

Fewell and other necessaries

John Sherbourne for fewell and other necessaries used at sondrey tymes in the said Aireing.

Coles xx sack(xx*. Billett(one thousand xvj*. threed and tape of all sort(; vij*. bushes and Rushes, v*. xlviij*.

Edmond Tylney esquire for money by him disbursed and to be disbursed aswell about the chardges for making the accomptes to the auditor of the Imprest and declaracon of the same before the Lord Treasorer and Sr Walter Myldmey. And also for the chardges of the privie seale order for payment of the mony, and receipt of the same with certificate; viiji.

Sum* of the chardges laste aforesaid; xxix". xvjd.

The totall of this booke; viz, from the firste of November, 1580. Anno, xxijo Regni Regine Eli2. until the firste of November, 1581. Anno xxiijo Regni Regine pred

Christmas twelftide candlemas and Shrovetide wth one challendge The

chardges of the workes begonne and lefte unfynished for the receaving of the Frenche Comissi-

oners.

 $\begin{aligned} \mathbf{W} \mathbf{ages} & \text{ of } \left\{ \begin{aligned} &\mathbf{Artificers attendant} \\ &\mathbf{Officers}; \end{aligned} \right. &\mathbf{xxxviij^{ii}}. &\mathbf{xvj^{s}}. &\mathbf{viij^{d}}. \\ &\mathbf{Emptions at provisions}; &\mathbf{lxxxxviij^{ii}}. &\mathbf{vj^{s}}. &\mathbf{iiij^{d}}. \\ &\mathbf{c.lxiiij^{ii}}. &\mathbf{xiiij^{s}}. \end{aligned}$

Wages of { Artificers and attendant { | ix¹. xix². iiij^d. | Vij¹. iiij^s. | Emptions t provisions; | xxj¹. xy¹. viij^d. | xxxviij¹. | xv^s.

Wages of { Artificers t attendant? } viiji. xiiji. xiiji. Ayringes from the first of Aprill 1581.

Emptions t provisions with the chardges of the accompte;

xii. xji. xji. tobr then first of Octobr then next follow-ccc.xxxjii. iiiji. ing.

Ed. Tyllney.

Ed. Tyllney. Walter Fysshe.

[BOOK IX.]

Christmas
Twelftide
and Shrovetide and
makeing
choise of
playes. Anno RR^{ne}
Eliz. xxv^{to}.
1582.

The Chardges of those tymes; vi2, Betwene the daie of 1581. Anno xx. Regni Regine Elizabethe, and the xiiijth of February 1582. Annoq, RRne Eliz. xxvto did rise aswell by meanes of makeing choise reforming and attending of such plaies, Comodies, maske and Inventions as were prepared set furth and presented before her Matte at the tymes aforesaid. As also of wages, workemenship, Translations, Attendaunce, wares delivered, Jurneying chardges and expense thereunto belonging. The pticularities wherof together wth the pties names to whom and wherfore the same is due, hereafter at lardge ensueth; viz.).

A Comodie or Morrall devised on a game of the Carde shewed on St Stephens daie at night before her Matte at Wyndesor Enacted by the Children of her Mattes Chapple, furnished wth many thing wthin this Office, whereof some were translated, and some newe made, and Imploied therein; viz, Twoe clothes of canvas xxtie Ells of sarcenet for iiijor pavilions and girdles for the Boyes and viij paire of gloves.

A Comodie of Bewtie and huswyfery shewed before her Matte at Wyndesor on St Johns daie at night enacted by the Lord of Hundesdons servaunt, for wth was prepared newe one Cloth and one Battlement of Canvas, iij Ells of sarcenet and Eight paire of gloves wth sondrey other thing; out of this office.

A Historie of Loue and Fortune shewed before her Matte at Wyndesor on the sondaie at night next before

newe yeares daie Enacted by the Earle of Derbies servaunt?. For w^{ch} newe provision was made of one Citty and one Battlement of Canvas, iij Ells of sarcenet, a of canvas, and viij paire of gloves wth sondrey other furniture in this office.

Sundrey feates of Tumbling and activitie were shewed before her Ma^{tie} on Newe yeares daie at night by the Lord Straunge his servaunt?. For wen was bought and Imploied xxj^{tie} yard? of cotten for the Matachins iij ells of sarcenet and viij paire of gloves.

A Maske of Ladies presented themselves before her Matte at Wyndesor at Twelf Eve night whereunto was prepared and Imployed (beside the stuff of this office) xv yard? of black and white Lawne or Cipres for head attires 't vizard? xj ells of Sarcenet, viij paire of gloves for boyes and Torchbearers, and one paire of white shoes.

A Historie of Ferrar shewed before her Matte at Wyndesor on Twelfdaie at night Enacted by the Lord Chamberleynes servaunt furnished in this office wth diverse newe thing as one Citty, one Battlement of canvas, iij Ells of sarcenet and x paire of gloves, and sondrey other thing in this office whereof some were translated for fitting of the psons.

A historie of Telomo shewed before her Matie at Richmond on Shrovesundaie at night, Enacted by the Earle of Leicesters servaunt?, for weh was prepared and Imployed one Citty one Battlement of canvas, iij Ells of sarcenet and viij paire of gloves. And furnished wth sondrey other garment? of the store of the office.

A Historie of Ariodante and Geneuora shewed before her Matie on Shrovetuesdaie at night enacted by M^r Mulcasters children. For w^{ch} was newe prepared and Imployed, one Citty, one battlem^t of Canvas vij Ells of sarcenet and ij dozen of gloves. The whole furniture for the reste was of the store of this office, whereof sondrey garmente for fytting of the Children were altered I translated.

A Maske of Sixe Seamen prepared to have ben shewed, but not used, made of sondrey garment and store wthin the office into vj Cassocke of Carnacon cloth of silver garded wth greene cloth of gold laid wth copper silv lace and tassells with hanging sleves of Russet cloth of silv vj paire of venetians of Russet gold tyncell wth flowres. Buskins of crymsen cloth of gold, and Caps of black gold tyncell playne lyned wth white silv tincell bird? eyes, and counterfecte pearles upon them. The Torche bearers sixe. Three in Cassocke and hanging sleeves of crymsen damaske garded wth yeallowe damaske and three paire of venetians of yeallowe damaske garded wth crymsen damaske. And three Cassocke win hanging sleeves of yealowe damaske garded wth crymsen damaske. And three paire of venetians of crymsen damaske garded with yeallowe damaske wearing sleeves for all the said sixe Torchebearers of purple satten striped wth silv. And six cappes for the same Torchbearers of oringe cullo damaske laide wth silv lace.

Taylors and others working and attending the primisses the firste at xx^d, the daie and as much the night the reste at xij^d.

Sma zlviji. ziiijs. viijd.

Carpenters at xvj^d. the daie and as much the night; Sm^a iiijⁱⁱ. xviij^a. viij^d.

Propertymakers, being Paynters the firste at ij. the day and as much the night and the reste at xviijd.

Smª vjii. vijs. vjd.

Wierdrawers the firste at xx^d. the daie and as much the night the rest at xvj^d.

Sm² lxiij². iiij^d.

The Porter at xij^d , the daie and asmuch the night, lx^a .

The Yeoman; The Clerke; The Clerke Comptroller;	vj ^u . vj ^u .	The Officers the Mr at iiijs. the daie and as much the
The M ^r of the Revells for his attendaunce from laste of October, 1582. until Ashewednesdaie, as for the choise makeing of playes, as for his wage Christmas and Shrovetide conteynyng in all cvj of and xvj night? at iiij. the daie and as much the night at iiij.	well s at laies ght;	
To one dore keep and iij other Attendaunt? for pother said tyme and during the Rehersalls at xijd. daie; xij ⁿ . Small	the	
William Stone for sendrey peells of silke by him lived into the office, vi2,		Mercers percells
Orindge cullor taffeta sarcenet at ix. iii. s. thell di. ell;	a. Vj	
Watchet sarcenet at vjs. viijd. thell xxte	iiij	
Yeallowe sarcenet at vj. viijd. the ell, vj ells;		
ell di ; x ix vij	x	
for sondrey peells by him wrought t brot	ught	Habdashers
into the office; viz, The makeing of sixe Cappes of cloth	d.	percells
of gold at iij. iiijd. the peece; xx		
For ij yarde of buccram to stiffen them; ij		
и 2		

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	For sixe white feathers at ijs. vjd. ye		8.	d.
	pece;		XV	,
	For an ell and qt of white sarcenet for			
	to lyne them at vjs. thell;		vij	vj
	•		xliiij	vj
Wyer- drawers	Edmond Byrcholl for sondrey pcells l	oy hin	n prov	ided
percells	wrought and brought into the office; vi	Ð, "	••	u.
_	Hand Candlestick (. viij			xvj
	Fyne wier one pound;			xij
	For fowre small pulleyes;			viij
	For whip lyne;			iij
	For three greate pulleyes;			ix
	For sixe bodkins;			٧j
	For mending of a small braunch at St			
	Johns;			vj
	For a lyne for the same braunche;			iiij
	For xxv11. quarter of Englishe wier;		xxv	iij
	For vj ⁿ . of basterd wier;		iiij	_
	For xxvj small braunches to hange			
	lighte in the hall at wyndesor;	▼	iiij	
	For iij great braunches for the same		_	
	purpose ;	vj		
	For cariage of ij hamps to St Johns;	_		viij
	For a dozen of single white plate;		iij	_
		xiij	ij	iij
Sarcenet	John Digge for sondrey peells by him p	provide	ed bou	ght
Canvas Fuell and	It brought into the office;			
other neces-	Billete viij thowsand at xs. the M;	li,	l _{XX}	d,
saries	Coles iiijor loade at xviijs. the load;		lxxij	
	Canvas one hundred 't forty ells;	vij	•	
	Bucrams vj peece;	•	xxx	
	Sarcenet sent to the Courte of divise			
	cullors at vj. viijd. thell, xxx ells;	x		

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Three harmors to some the stuff to	li. s.	d.	
Three hampers to carry the stuff to Bircholls;	~ :		
For ij ropes;	vj		
ror ij topes,	xxvj j	viij	
	xxvj j	4113	
John Sherborne for sondry thing(by him prov	ided	Fuell chaun-
and brought into the office; vi2,			delors per-
Billete at Wyndesor for the office and	li. s.	d.	cells and other neces-
for the Mrs Chamber there, ij thow-			saries
sand at xs. the thousand;	xx		
Coales one load;	xviij		
Cotten candles at sondrey price aswell			
for the rehersalls as for the work?			
in the office and at the Courte, xv			
dozen;	lv		
Torches iij dozen at xiiijs. the dozen;	xlij		
Lyncke one dozen;	iiij		
Gloves viij dozen at vij. the dozen;	lvj	•	
Nayles 't tenterhook' of div se sorte;	ix	ij	
For horsehier from Wyndesor to Lon-			
don in poste, and back agayne for			
my Lord Chamberleynes men;	v j	viij	
Botchier from Richmond & Barne			
Elmes to London Twice;	iij		
Billete at Richmond for the office and	,		
the M ^{rs} Chamber there one thow-			
sand;	x		
Coles there;	vj		
Threed, Rushes, searing candles,			
paper, white shoes, glacing at the			•
Courte, bucram, bord, vice;	xxvij	vj	
Twoe wedges of Iron to be gilded and	•	J	
a lock;	iij		
A close stoole;	x		
	xiij x	iiij	

John Davis for sondrey peells by him brought into the office; vi2.

For bromes vjd. ob. Nayles, jd.; candles vll. xvd.;

pease one peck, vjd. searing candle, jd.; ijs. vd. ob.

For cariage of stuff to Mr Mulcasters t back agayne;

xxd.

For carying of certen stuffe to Barnes Elmes; xijd.

For holly and Ivie at Wyndesor; iiijd.

For botchier for my self at Richmond; jd.

vs. vjd. ob.

Edward Kirkeham for sondrey peells by him brought into the office and for money by hym otherwise disbursed, vi2,

For tape ijⁿ.; vj^s.; browne threed, iijⁿ. q,t^r vj^s. vj^d. white threed, ijⁿ. vj^s. grene threed diⁿ. xvj^d. xix^s. x^d. Russet fustian xiij yard? at x^d. the yard; x^s. x^d. Gold tyncell at ij^s. viij^d. the yard, iiij^{or} yard?;

x*. viijd.

Sylve tyncell at iij. the yard, iij yarde di; x. vijd.

For the hire of ij horses for him self t his man to

Wyndesor and back agayne to attend the stuff of the

Revells thith caried;

xviij.

For their ij horsemeate at Wyndeso^r; vj^s.

For botehier to 't from Richmond; iiij^s.

lxxix*. xd.

Edward Buggyn gent, for money by him disbursed; vi2,

Botehier and in reward? at sondrey tymes during the work;

For sondrey patterns of maske weh he procured to be drawed and brought into the office by the Mrs appointem; lxs.

lxxs.

Edmond Tylney esquire for sondrey somes of money
by him laid out; viz),
To diverse psons for payting by greate of cc. x yard?
of Canvas at xijd. the yard; x ^{ll} . x ^s .
For xxjtte yarde of red and yeallowe Cotten; xxiij.
For the hire of iiijor horses to Wyndesor at ijo. the
daie the peece for ij daies; xvj.
For the hire of three carte to remove the store of the
office to Wyndesor; xx.
For white and black cipres at iijs. iiijd. the yard, xv
yarde for the Ladies maske; l.
Geven in Reward to the boye that pronounced the
speeche before the maske of the ladies; x.
Geven in reward to Mr Cardell for devising the daunce
w ^{ch} M ^r Cardell came in w th ; xx ^s .
For the hire of iiijor horses ij daies from Wyndesor
to London at ij. the daie a peece; xvj.
For horsemeate; xij*.
For three carte to remove the stuff of the office from
Wyndesor to London; xx*.
For the hire of iiijor horses from London to Richmond
at Shrovetide one daye at ij. the daie a peece; viij.
For the hire of one Carte to remove the stuff of the
office from London to Richmond I back againe; x.
For the hire of iiijor horses from Richmond to London
one daie at ijs. the daye a peece; viijs.
For makeing of vj paire of buskins; xij.
For v yard? of grene cloth at viij. the yard; xl.
For standishe ynck pap and other necessaries; xx.
xxiiij ¹¹ . xv⁵.
John Drawater for money by him disbursed; vi2,
For a Reame of paper; vj. viijd.
For sixe quire of Royall pap; vj.
For a standishe, penknife, pynduste; iiijs. xd.
For a standishe, penknife, pynduste; iiij ^s . x ^d . For Counters, Inck, quills, botehire; v ^s . v ^d .
xxij*, xjd,

Silkemans percells William Bowle for sondrey peells by him provided and brought into the office; vi2,

Sylver lace plated of copper, xiiij oz, di. at ij*. the oz); xxix*.

Tassells and buttons of copper silv at ij. the oz ij. xj oz di; iiijⁿ. vij.

Bone lace brayded of copper silv xxj oz di.; xliij.

Laid worke buttons of copper silv at vjd. the dozen,
xij dozen; vj.

viijli. vs.

Carpent^rs percells John Taylor for sondrey peells by him brought into the office; viz),

Dubble quarters xlviij single quarters xxxiiij

xxxij*. vjd.

Punchions iiij. Deales ij; rafters vs.; xs. iiijd.

Borde cccc q,ter, and xxtte foote joyces v Plancke iiij xls. viijd.

Tymber xv foote. Inche borde;

xvs. xd. iiijⁱⁱ. xixs. iiijd.

Reparations

Thomas Blagrave Esquire for money by hym disbursed and laid out for the newe flowring of a chamber (fallen downe) being pte of his owne lodging, newcasting of all the lead ov the same chamber, newe tymber and borde under the same lead. And new makeing a large paire of staires wth a house about and over them into the leade, and mending the other leade in many places, viz,

Somers ij; Joiste xiiij; Beame j. Entertice;

xxxs. ixd.

Borde at sondrey price the c fote viije di; liiije.

Half pace j; single quarters xxxv. rafter vij paire;

xiiije. jd.

Hooke and hinge iiij paire; locke and staples ij;

v*. iiijd.

Nayles at vjd. the C 2000, lath nayles, 6000; xix.

Lyme cc di. and iiij sacke, sand iij load, heare xiij bushells; Tyle pyns; Tyles vjc.

Brick to amend the harth, Furre poll, for the staires, lath x bundle, painting washing and pinting the chamber; XXVis. iijd.

Newe casting of vjc and a quartern of lead | Soder xixli. xxvis.

Cariage \(\tau\) recariage of lead \(\tau\) tymbr; ijs.

Workemanship of Carpenters, Bricklaiers Tylers, plaisterers, plumbers, and laborers; lxixs. vjd.

xiiijii. ijs. vd.

Dunstone Braye for work? done upon the hall t office Plumbers of the Revelle;

percells

Pipe lead to mend the Mrs conduite lxxvjii. at ijd. the li; xijs. viijd.

Sheete lead to make a spowte 30511. at xiijs. the hundred; xxxix*. viijd.

Soder lin. at vijd. the pound; xxixs. ixd.

For workemanship of plumbers t laborers; xxxijs. iiijd. vli. xiiijs. vd.

The Clerke for his ordinarie grenecloth, paper, Inck, Quills, waxe, Counters, deske, standishes, and Tooles for the makeing compiling and conserving of the Bookes, Bille, Plotte, Paternes, Modells to for and concernyng this office;

lxvjs. viijd.

William Lizard for money by him laid out for sondrey thinge by him bought and brought into this office; percells for Paste bord, paper, and paste, white, sise, verte, Syneper, fyne gold, ptie gold, silv^r, masticote, blewe Inde, Smalte blacke, vermylion, glewe, assedewe browne, Tynfoyle, and pote used and Imployed upon the premisses amounting unto; iiij". vij. vjd.

the propertymakers

Edmond Tylney Esquire M^r of the office being sente for to the Courte by Letter from M^r Secretary dated the xth of Marche, 1582. To choose out a companie of players for her Ma^{tle} for Money by him laid out; vi2;

For horshire to the courte and back agayne; x. For his owne chardges his mens and horsemeate there ij daies; x.

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Suma tötlis of all the Emptions and Provisions cariage, Rewarde, wages, and attendaunce within the tyme aforesaid: cclixii. xixs. iiijd. ob.

Ed. Tyllney.
Edwarde Buggyn.
T. Blagrave.
Edward Kirkham.

Betwene the xiiijth of February 1582. Anno RRe Eliz, xxvth (At web tyme the work? and attendaunc? for the tymes aforesaid did end) And the firste of November, 1583. Annoq, RRne Eliz, preds xxvto the chardges of this office grewe at sondrey tymes by meanes of Airing, Repairing, brushing, spunging, Rubbing, sweeping, putting in order laying up and safe bestowing of garmtes vestures, disguysing? propties and furniture of the same from tyme to tyme wthin the tyme aforesaid as the necessity thereof at sondrey tymes required to keepe the same in Readines for her Mates service. The whole chardges whereof aswell for chardges as for other necessaries herafter pticulerly ensueth; viz,

Tailors and others workeing and attending the primisses the firste at xx^d. the daie, the reste at xij^d.;

Officers the firste at iiijs. the daie the reste at ijs.

	vaj , zanj , maj ,			
The Maister;	dayes 20		ii. iiij	2.
The clerke comptroller;	20		_	хl
The Clerke;	20			хl
The Yoman;	20	•••••		$\mathbf{x}\mathbf{l}$

viili xiiis, iiiis,

John Sherborne for fewell and other necessaries used at sondrey tymes in the said airring?, vi2.

Coles xx^{tie} sack(; xv*. billet(one thowsand; x*. threed and tape of sondrey sort(; vij*. brushes and rushes; v*. xxxvij*.

Edmond Tylney Esqaire for money by him disbursed aswell about the makeing of Thaccompt to the Auditor of Thimpreste, and declaration of the same before the Lord Treasorer and Sr Walter Myldmey; As also for the chardges of the privie seale, and for the paymt of the money and receipt of the same wth the certificat doth yearely amount unto above; viiji.

Suma of the chardge laste aforesaid; xxviiji. xs. iiijd.

Suma totalis of this whole booke;

cciiij viij^{li}. ix. viijd. ob.

T. Blagrave.

Ed. Tyllney. Edward Buggyn. Edward Kirkham.

[BOOK X.]

Revelle 1584. Anno RRe Elizabethe; xxvijo.

Chrystmas Twelftyde and Shrovetyde and making choise of plaies, Anno RR^o Elizabeth xxvij^o 1584. The Charges of those tymes; viz, betwene the laste daie of October 1584. Anno xxvj⁵⁰ Regni Regine Elizabeth, and the..........of February 1584. Annoq RR⁵⁰ Elizabethe pred xxvij⁵⁰ did rise aswell by meanes of attending, making choise, reformyng and altering of such plaies, Comodies, maskes and inventions as were prepared, sett furth and psented before her Ma^{tic} at the tymes aforesaid. As also of wages workemanship, translacons, attendaunce, wares delivered, Cariage, Jorneying chardge, and expence, therunto belonging. The pticulers whereof together wth the pties waies to whom and wherfore the same is due hereafter ensueth; viz,

A pastorall of Phillyda 't Choryñ presented and enacted before her Matte by her highnes servaunt on St Stephens daie at night at Grenewch whereon was ymployed xxxviij yard of Buffyn for Shepherd coat xxxte ells of sarcenet for fowre matachyne sutes, one greate curteyne and scarfes for the nymphes, one mountayne and one greate cloth of Canvas, and vj peec of bucram.

The history of Agamemnon & Ulisses presented and enacted before her Matte by the Earle of Oxenford his boyes on St Johns daie at night at Grenewiche.

Dyvers feates of Actyvytie were shewed and presented before her Matte on Neweyeares daie at night at Grenewiche by Symons and his fellowes whereon was ymployed the pages sute of oringe tawney tissued vellet,

wen they spoyled, xxiiijor yarde of white cotten, a batlement, and ij Janes sutes of canvas, and iiij ells of sarcenett.

The history of Felix & Philiomena shewed and enacted before her highnes by her Mates servaunt? on the sondaie next after neweyeares daie, at night at Grenewiche, Playes, whereon way ymploied one battlement t a house of shewes and can vas.

devises before her

An Invention called Fyve playes in one, presen ted't highnes in enacted before her Matte on Twelfedaie at night in the the tyme aforesaid, hall at Grenewiche by her highnes servaunte whereon vij; viz., was ymploied a greate cloth and a battlement of canvas, and canvas for a well and a mounte, xv ells of sarcenet, ix yarde of sullen cloth of gold purple.

An Invention of three playes in one, prepared to have ben shewed before her highnes on Shrovesondaie at night, and to have ben enacted by her Mates servaunt at Somersett place. But the Quene came not abroad that night, yet was ymploied on the same one howse 't a battlement.

An Antick Play & a Comody shewed presented & enacted before her highnes on Shrovetuesdaie at night at Somerset place by her Mates servaunt whereon was ymployed one house.

Taylors and others working and attending the Pmisses the firste at 204, the day and as much the night the rest xlvli. iijs. viijd. at xijd.

The Porter John Dawncye;

lxvs.

Proptie makers at sondrey rates;

xiiiji. iiij.

Paynters at sondrey rate the daie; viz, iiiju. ijs. ijd.

·Wyerdrawers at sondrey rate;

cjs. iiijd.

	Carpenters at xvjd. the day 't as much the nig	hte : v•. iiij ^d .
	Joyn's at xvjd. the daie;	xl*.
	Plumbers at xvjd. the daie;	xvj⁵.
The Offycers at ij*, the daie and as much the night in re- spect of their diet and ex- pences	The Clerke;	llowing
	Christmas, Twelftide and Shrovetide, conteyning	_
	cxvij daies and xiiijten nighte at iiij. the daie	and as
	much the night; xxv	j ^u . iiij ^s .
	To one dore keper and iij other attendaunt? for the same tyme and during the rehersalls at xij ^d . t t as much the night;	-
	Emptions and Provisions.	
Mercers percells	Wyllyam Stone for sondrey peells by him delive the office; vi2,	ered in
-	Buffin of Watchet cullor xxxviij yard? at i	cxiiij ^s .
	Sarcenet some of yeallowe, some greene, so	
	crymsen, some blewe t some white at vjs. viijd.	
	all, l ells xvj ⁿ . xii xxij ⁿ . vij	
Wyer- drawers percells	Edmond Byrcholl for sondrey thinge by him prowrought and brought in this office; vi2,	ovided,
*	For xxiiij small braunches; ciii	j
	For iiij greate braunches; viij	
	For xij bodkins;	xij

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For xxxij ¹¹ . di of wier of sondrey sort?	li. s,	d.	
at xij ^d . the li.;	xxxij	vj	
For spanish needles;	nanj.	iij	
For vj pullies;	ij	,	
For foure lynes;	iiij		
For hanging up of the pullies;		xviij	
For cc of x ^d . nayles;		XX	
For ij ^h . di of Assidue;	vij		
For iij vice candlestick(;)	xviij	
For vj stock candlesticke;		xij	
For iij prickt candlesticke;		vj	
For xviij plates;	iij	• 3	
For a pipe for water;	J V		
For working of the wyer;	x		
For cariage 't recariage of the thing			
aforesaid to Grenewen and to Som set			
place and back agayne;	v		
	xvij	v	
John Taylor for sondrey thing? by h	Ü		Carnenters
John Taylor for sondrey thinge by he brought into the office; vi2,	Ü		Carpenters percells
brought into the office; vi2,	im provide	d and	
brought into the office; viz, For xxx doble quarters;	im provide	d and	
brought into the office; viz, For xxx doble quarters; For xvj rafters;	im provide li, s. xv xvj	d and	
brought into the office; vi2, For xxx doble quarters; For xvj rafters; For vj Joyses;	im provide ii, i. xv xvj vj	d and	
brought into the office; vi2, For xxx doble quarters; For xyj rafters; For vj Joyses; For ij scantling peeces;	im provide li, s. xv xvj vj	d and a.	
brought into the office; viz, For xxx doble quarters; For xyj rafters; For vj Joyses; For ij scantling peeces; For vj greate rafters;	im provide i	d and	
brought into the office; vi2, For xxx doble quarters; For xyj rafters; For vj Joyses; For ij scantling peeces; For vj greate rafters; For viij postes;	im provide ii, xv xvj vj iij viij viij	d and	
brought into the office; viz, For xxx doble quarters; For xyj rafters; For vj Joyses; For ij scantling peeces; For vj greate rafters;	im provide ii. xv xvj vj iij viij viij xxviij	d and	
brought into the office; vi2, For xxx doble quarters; For xyj rafters; For vj Joyses; For ij scantling peeces; For vj greate rafters; For viij postes;	im provide ii, xvj vj iij viij viij xxviij iiij iiij	d and iiij iiij other	
brought into the office; vi2, For xxx doble quarters; For xyj rafters; For vj Joyses; For ij scantling peeces; For vj greate rafters; For viij postes; For cccc of borde; George Gower for divs cullors paste peells by him pvided and brought into	im provide ii, xv xvj vij viij viij iiij iiij borde and the office;	d and iiij other viz),	percells Paynters
brought into the office; vi2, For xxx doble quarters; For xyj rafters; For vj Joyses; For ij scantling peeces; For vj greate rafters; For viij postes; For cccc of borde; George Gower for divs cullors paste peells by him pvided and brought into For cullors of all sorte;	im provide ii, xv xvj vij viij viij xxviij iiij iiij borde and the office;	d and iiij other viz),	percells Paynters
brought into the office; vi2, For xxx doble quarters; For xyj rafters; For vj Joyses; For ij scantling peeces; For vj greate rafters; For viij postes; For cccc of borde; George Gower for divs cullors paste peells by him pvided and brought into	im provide ii, xv xvj vij viij viij iiij iiij borde and the office;	d and d. iiij other viz),	percells Paynters

j j	J	
For working of them into a Cassock;	iij	
For Budge to make the spotte of a cas-		•
sock;	x	ij
For making of the kyd skynne hose;	xvi	iij
For a lardge white lambe skynne for ye		
gote head;	ii	ij
•	xxiij	X
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Dunston Bray for sondrey thing? by hi wrought in the office; vi2,	m brough	t and	Plumbers percells
Cast pipes waying, cxv ^u . at ij ^d . the	4.	đ.	
pound;	xix	ij	
Soder xiiiji. at vijd. the pound;	viij	ij	
	xxvij	iiij	
John Ogle for thinge by him pvided and the office; vi2,	d brought	into	Necessaryes
For foure yeallowe heares for head at-	s.	d.	
tires for woemen;	xxvj	viij	
For a pound of heare;	••	хij	
	xxvij	viij	
John Digges for sondrey somes of mone bursed for thinge bought and brought in	nto the of		
viz	li. s.	d.	
	x		
For wood and cole laid into the office; at St Johnes for rehersalls airing? I			
worke done; vi	•		
For a standishe for thoffice;	xviij ij	:	
xvi	•	vj vj	
Willyam Henninge gent for money by I for botchier to and from the Courte b Grenewch Rewarde to workemen for experietuals for them because they should not gworke;	eing then licon and goe from tl	at for	
John Sherborne for sondrey thing e by his money laid out; viz),	m pvided (and	
For fuell at the Court for the office and	5.		
M ^{rs} . Chamb ^r there;	lx		

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For torches and lyncke;	li.	s. xl
For cotten candles of all sorte for the		
rehersalle and worke at St Johnes		
t for the Mrs Chambr and office at		
the Courte;		lxvj
For locke, keies, nayles, hookes, ropes,		
and mending of the vices for the		
frames ;		хl
For rushes for the great hall at St		
Johnes the M ^{rs} Chamber ? office at		
the Court;		xxij
For vj dozen of gloves;		xlij
For a close stoole;		x
For a planck at Grenewiche;		ij
For cariage by land t by water t bote-		•
hier of and otherwise of Errande;		xxv
	χv	vij

John Drawater for money by him disbursed for a Realm of paper; vjs. viijd. for di Realm of royall paper, xs. for ynck, quille, waxe, pinduste t counters, vjs. xd. for botchier at sondrey tymes. vjs. viijd. xxxs. ijd.

Edward Kyrkham for money by him	laid out, vi2	3,
For three ells of three qater cloth, at	8.	đ.
xij ^d . thell;	iij	
For xxiiij yarde of white playne at xd.	_	
the yard;	xx	
For iij ⁿ . of threed of all cullers, at ij ^s .		
$\mathbf{viij^d}$. the li.;	viij	
For a li. of tape;	iij	iiij
For iiijor dozen of lace of white 't yeal-		
lowe at 16^d . ye dőz;	▼	iiij
For ix yard of welshe playne;	ix	
For an ell of holland;	ij	vj

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For a peece of buccram;	s, iiij	^{d.} viij
For more tape Incle 't threed;	viij	
For botehier to 't from the court at son-		
drey tymes;	ix	
	lxxij	x
The Clarke for his ordinary greene clo	oth, paper	Inck,
quills, deske and for making, compiling		
of the bookes, bills, plote, patornes, m		_
concernyng this office; vi2,	lxvj*.	•
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	· J ·	,
Edmond Tylney esquire Mr of thoff	ice for son	ıdrev
somes of money by him disbursed; viz,		•
	li, s	. d.
Paid to Lizard, Tylor t the Carver for		
a plaster of parris, cley, paste borde		
and other necessaries for pperty	_	
makers;	xl	
For a dozen of great skynnes;	vj	
For botchier t horshier at sondrey		
tymes during the service t since in		
suyng for money;	xlv	

Rewarde to divise psons at the Courte at the rehersalls there; $\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}$ For fyve yarde of grene cloth; xl. standishe Inck, paper sand I quills; xx. lxFor a quarter of deale borde; XXV To the feather maker for iiijor garlande of flowres; xxvj viij For buskins & pumpes for nymphes & shepherde; XXV For shepeherde hatte; $\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}$ viij xiij vij

Suma tolis of the Emptions, provisions, cariage, re-

ward, wages, and attendaunce whin the tyme aforesaid; ccliij¹¹. v². j^d.

Ed. Tyllney.

Ed. Tyllney. T. Blagrave. Edward Kirkham.

Betwene the xxvth of February, 1584. Anno RR^e Elizabeth; xxvij^o (at w^{ch} tyme the workes and attendaunce for the tymes aforesaid did end) and the laste of October 1585. Annoq RR^e Eliz pred xxvij^o. The chardges of this office grewe at sondrey tymes by meanes of aieringe amendinge, brushing, rubbing, spunging, sweeping, folding, laying up, and safe bestowing of garmente both for maskers t players, disguisinge, propties and furniture of the same from tyme to tyme wthin the tyme aforesaid as the necessity thereof at sondrey tymes required to keepe the same in readines for her Ma^{tes} service. The chardges aswell for wages as for other necessaries hereafter ensueth;

∀ i	iż,			
Thomas Clatterboke at 20 4 . per die; 20	•••	и.	xxxiij ii	d. iij
John Tipsley at xijd. p diē; 20	•••		XX	
John Davis at xijd. p diē; 20	•••		xx	
John Lucas at the like; 20	•••		xx	
Willm Phillippes at the like; 20	•••		xx	
Thomas Rowkelidge at ye like; 20			хx	
John Sherborne at the like;20	•••		xx	
John Daunsey at the like; 20	•••		xx	
		viij	xiij ii	iij
The Mr at iiijs. p diem; 20	•••	iiij		_
The Clerkcomptroller at ij.; 20	•••	_	xl	
The Clerke at ij. p diem; 20			хl	
The yeoman at ij. p diem; 20			хl	
• • •		x		

John Sherborne for money laid out for necessairies used

at sondrey tymes in the said aireinge; viz, threed tape of sondrey sorte; vije.

for brushes rubbing brushes and Rushes; vije. viijd.

xiiije. viijd.

Edmond Tylney esquire for money by him disbursed and to be disbursed aswell about the makeing of the accompt to the Auditor of thimpreste and declaracon of the same before the L. Treasorer 't S' Walter Mildmey, as also for the chardge of the privie seale order for the payment of the money and receipt of the same win the Certificate doth yearely amounte unto above; viiji.

Sum* of the chardge laste aforesaid; xxviji. viij*.

Suma Tolis of this whole Booke; cclxxxii, xiija, jd.

Ed. Tyllney.

T. Blagrave.

Edward Kirkham.

[BOOK XI.]

Reuelle, 1587. Anno RRe Elizabeth, xxxe.

Christmas
Twelftid
Shrovetide
y* choysmakinge of
playes wth
the reforminge of them
Anno Reg.
Elizabethe
xxx°.

The chardges of thos tymes, vi2, from the last of October, 1587 to the firste of November, 1588 did rise aswell by means Attending makinge choyse pusinge reforminge that Alteringe of suche playes, comedies, maskes, and Inventions as were prepared set forthe the presented before her Matte. In the tymes beforesaid, as also of the wagis workmanship, translations, wares delivited, careagis, Jornige chardgis the expensist thereunto belonginge with the Arringes brushing and salffe kepinge of the robes to other stuffe with the sayd office. The particulars whereof together with the parties names to whom the wherefore the same is dewe hereafter, Insuethe; vi2,

Anno xxxº Reg. Regine

The Quenes Matte beinge at Grenewch ther were shewed presented and enacted before her highness betwixte Christmas 't Shrovetid vij playes besides featte of activitie, and other shewes by the children of Poles her Mattes owne servante 't the gentlemen of grayes In on whom was Imployed dyverse remante of Clothe of goulde 't other stuffe oute of the Store.

Tayllors t others workinge t attending the premeses during the foresayd tyme at xijd, the daye t as muche the night.

The Porter of St. Johns Gatt.

lxiij.

	dayes		night	5	li.	8.	
The Yeoman of the Revells	38		14		v	iiij	1
The Clarke,	28		14		iiij	iiij	v t
The Clarke controler	2 8	•••	14	•••••	iiij	iiij	d
				Smª	xiij	xij	r

The officers wagis for ther attendance duringeChristmas and Shrovetid. at ij'. the - daye and asmuch the night.

The Mr of the office for his attendance 't chardgis The Mr of from the laste of October until Ashewedensdaye aswell the office at for choysmakinge 't reforminge of playes and Commedies as also for his and other attendant? duringe Christmas I Shrovetide, amontinge in all unto c.xvj dayes I xiiijth night(at iiij*. ye daye and asmuche the Night cometh to; xxvj^{li}.

iiij'. ye daye.

A dorekeper and iii other attendants aswell duringe the rehersalls as also for ther attendance at the Courte. In Christmas and Shrovetid at xijd. the daye;

	dayes_	n	ights		li.	8.
William Cooke;	116	•••	14	•••••	٧j	X
Roger Chamber;	116	•••	14		vj	x
Thomas Carlton;	116		14	•••••	vj	x
Henry Cooke;	116		14	•••••	vi	x

Edmond Burchall wierdrawer for wierworke ? branchis Wierdrawer in the hall at Grenewch, at Twelftid and Shrovetid by greate aswell for wares as workmanship; xvijli.

John Mildney carpenter for Tymber borde and Carpenter workmanship, in mendinge and settinge upp of the howses by greate; iij^u.

Bartholomew Hix mercer for xxx ells of Sarssnett of Mercer

Sundery coullers at vj. viijd. the elle, delyvered into the office; xⁿ.

Edward Kirkham yeoman of the Revells for diverse thing? by him disbursed, in service of the said office;

OHICC	,
s. XXij	d.
xviij	
iij	
vj	
ij	vj
xxxvi	
v	
ij	
ij	iiij
_	-
x	
". vjs.	xd.
	iij vj ij xxxvj v ij

The Clerke

Thomas Blagrave clerke of the said office demandeth allowance for a grene clothe, standishe, Inke t paper;

iij1i. vjs. viijd.

And layd out for a pece of Canvas;

XXX⁸.

Edmond Tyllney esquier and Mr of the said office for money by hym disbursed and allowance. In the said office; viz.

Inprimis Layde oute unto dyvers paynters for ther workes and coullers as well of the clothe for howses as also for garneshinge of the branches, in the hall, at Twelftid and Shrovetid.

Itm for canvas for the howse 't Tumblers; !.

Itm for Fewell bothe for the rehersalls of playes in ye greate hall 't for thearinge of the robes and other thing?

in the office, as also for the M^r lodginge 't office, at the Courte, during the said service; vjⁿ.

Itm for light of all sort, link and torches; iij". vj. Itm for rushis as well for strawinge of the greate hall, at St Johns as also the office at the Courte; x.

Itm for the M^{rs} greneclothe, standishe, Inke paper t a close stoole; iijⁿ. x*.

Itm for botehyer as well for him selfe as for his men, sentt dyverse tymes in the service of the office from Grenew^{ch} to London t for cariage of the stuffe to t froe; xl.

xxixli. xijs. viijd.

Daucey, Porter of S^t. Jhons gatte for Candells 't lan- The Porter terne duringe the rehersalls; x^s.

Chardgis of the office growinge at sunddrie tymes by meanes of Ayringe, mendinge, brushinge, spunging, layinge up and salffe kepinge the robes t garmente from tyme to tyme within the tyme aforesaid as the necessitie thereof requirethe to kepe ye same in redines for her Mates service the chardgis whereof as well for wagis as for other necessaris hereafter insuethe;

	dayes		8.
Thomas Clatterbouke:	20	•••••	XX
John Davis at the leke;	20		хx
John Lucas;	20	•••••	хx
William Hintt;	. 20		xx
Willm Phillipes;	. 20		xx
Willm Cooke;	. 20	•••••	xx
Roger Chambers;	. 20	•••••	xx
John Dancie, porter of St Johns;	. 20		xx
The M ^r of the office at iiijs. a daye; 2	88. O	li.	s.
The Clarkecontroler at ij. a daye; 20)		$\mathbf{x}\mathbf{l}$

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The Yeoman at the leke rate; 20	xl
Edward Kerkham yeomā of the office for money	
him layde oute in the said ayringe, viz, threid,	rub-
hings brushes mehis and bromes.	w i

The Clearke at ye leke rate; 20

Smª xviijii. x4.

Edmond Tyllney esquier for money by him to be disbursed about the makinge up of the Accoutte to the Auditor of the Imprest I declaration of the same before the Lord Treasorer & Sr Water Mildmey; viij^{li}.

Sma xxvjii. xs.

[BOOK XII.]

THE REUELLS BOOKE

Anº 1605.

The Accompte of the Office of the Reuelles of this whole yeres
Charge in Ano 1604:
untell the last of
Octobar 1605.

The Chardges of thos times viz. betwine the last of Octobar 1604: Ao RR. Jacobi iijo untell the last of Octobar 1605: As welby meanes of attending making choise pusinge and reforminge of Playes Showes Inventions as wear prepared t sett forthe and presented before the king matter att times afforsayde: As allso for workmens wages The Officers bordwages Jorneying Chardges wares workmenship and carredges whother expences thereunto belonging, Besides ffuel chandrey ware for the Mr loding for the Rehersalls and Ayring with sutch leike ordinary Allowaunces. The perticulars whearof together with the parties names to whom the whearfor the same is due hearafter ensueth viole.

The Plaiers.

1605.

By the kings Hallamas Day being the first of Nouembar Ma^{us} plaiers. A play in the Banketinge house att Whithall called The Moor of Venis.

By his Math The Sunday ffollowinge A Play of the plaiers Merry Wiues of Winsor.

The Players. By his Math plaiers.

On St. Stiuens Night in the Hall A Play Shaxberd. called Mesur for Mesur.

On St. Jhons Night A Maske wth musicke presented by the Erl of Penbrok the Lord Willowbie & 6 Knights more of ye Court.

By his Math On Inosents Night The Plaie of Errors. Shaxberd. Plaiers.

By the On Sunday ffollowinge A plaie How to Queens Math larne of a woman to wooe Hewood.

The Boyes of On Newers Night A playe cauled: All By Georg the Chapell. Fouelles

By his Ma^{ts} Betwin Newers Day and Twelfe day A plaiers. Play of Loues Labours Lost.

On Twelfe Night The Queens Ma^{tis} Maske of Moures w^h Aleven Laydies of honno^r to accupayney her ma^{tis} w^{ch} cam in great showes of devises w^{ch} thay satt in wth exselent musike

By his Ma^{ts} On the 7 of January was played the play plaiers. of Henry the fift

By his Ma^{to} The 8 of January A play cauled Euery on plaiers. out of his Umor.

By his Ma^{tis} On Candelmas night A playe Euery one in plaiers. his Umor

The Sunday ffollowing A playe provided and discharged.

By his Ma^{te} On Shrousunday A play of the Marchant Shaxberd. of Venis

The Plaiers. By his Matts plaiers.

On Shroumonday A Tragidye of The Spanishe Maz:

The Poets wch made the plaies.

By his Ma^{tis} players.

On Shroutusday A play cauled The Mart-Shaxberd. chant of Venis againe comauded by the Kings Matie

Peter Wright wierdrawer askethe Allowaunce for Sundry things by him pvided Wrought and brought into ye Office wth ye wages for him selfe and his men for theire Attendances:

	Imprimis: for mendinge of ye old Branches for a playe on Hallomas	Fi,	e.	d.
	N ight		xxx	
	For iiji. of Ossidewe att ijs. vjd. ye pound		vij	vj
	For Cuttinge of it att ijs. the pound		vj	
	For vj candell playts att iiijd. a pece and			
	vj candellstikes at ijd. the pece		iij	
	For viij greatt Branches to holde fiftin			
	great lights apece att xls. the pece	xvj		
,	For viij smaler Branches att x*. the pece	iiij		
	For viij round playte to kepe ye great			
	branches from burninge ye Roufe of ye			
	Chamber att iijs. iiijd. ye pece		xxvj	viij
	For viiji. of Osidewe att ijs. vjd. and for			
	cutting of ye Ossidewe att ijs. ye pound		xxxvj	
	For vj Jacke Cordes to hange yeBranches			
	att xvj ^d . y ^e pece		viij	
	For xijii. of great wier to lengthen and			
	mend the other wiers		xij	
	For huckes and pastbord?		ij	vj
	For xij Candelplaite and xij Candel-			
	stick?		vj	
Wier drawers	For careinge of them to ye Court and			
parsells and Wages.	back againe		viij	

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Alowed to vj men attending the servis			
at Whithall on Hallomas day at ijs.			
viijd. ye day and night		xvj	
To vj men on Christmas Eve to hange			
ye branches up att xvjd. the day apece		viij	
To vj men on St Stivens day att xvjd. ye		_	
pece		viij	
To vj men on St. Johns day and ye night			
att ij ^s . viij ^d . apece		xvj	
To iiij men on Childermas day and night			
at ijs. viijd. a pece		x	viij
To vj men ye Sunday followinge att ijs.			
viijd. day and night		xvj	
To vj men on Newers day att xvjd. apece		viij	
To vj men on Twelfe Eve, and Twelfe			
day		xvj	
To iiij men on Monday and Tuesday fol-			
lowinge		x	viij
To v men on Candelmas Eve to hang up			•
ye Branches		٧i	viij
To v men on Candelmas for the day and		,	•
the night att ijs. viijd. apece		xiij	viii
To iiij men on Shrovesunday att ij.		J	J
viijd. ye day and night		x	viij
To iiij men on Shrovemunday att xvj ⁴ .			
apece ye daye		v	iiij
To vj men on Shrovetewsday att ij.		•	
viijd. the day and night apece		xvj	
On Ashwedensday to v men to take		Avj	
downe ye branches	v j	xvj	;;
-	U	•	•
Sm ^a xx	ΧV	xiij	AII

Stiuen Baile: In place of Groieme of the Revells demandeth Allowaunce of Wages for his Attendaunce duringe the tim affour allowed att xx^d. the day and as mouche by night vjⁱⁱ. xiij^s. iiij^d.

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li. s, d.	
Allso he askethe allowaunce for Boothier in	•
Servis of ye offic att Severall times vj vii	l
For mendinge the formes of ye Offic and nayles ij	
For a locke and key for the nether dore xi	I
For rushes for the office x	
For a locke key stapell huck and hinges for	
the musike house att ye Court vj	
For Iue and Bayes vii	İ
For xij Eles of Canvas for the Offic of the Re-	
vells for the Tiering house xv	
Smª viij ^u . xiiijª. viij ^d	•
Richerd Prescot porter of St. Johns de-	The Porter
maundeth for his attendaunce for ye Reher-	
salle and Ayringe as hath bin allowed to ye	
former porters xijd. the day for 60 dayes in	
the yeareiij	
Furder he demaundeth for mendinge the locke	
of the backe gattij	
For a padlocke and boullt for ye backe gaitt iij	
For mending the locke of the fouregatt ij	
For ij keyes for the same gayt iij	
For turning the stones att the cuming into	
To the man die course att the caming mit	
ve gaitt to a Mason	i
ye gaitt to a Mason xv	
ye gaitt to a Mason	

Edmond Tillney Mr of the Revells demandeth for his The Mr of Bourd Wages I his ordenary Allowaunces of Fuell I the Revells. Light for the servis of the Offic I for his own Lodginge as hathe bin heartofore allowed as allso for his grenclothe and money disbursed otherwise by him sence the last years accompt

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Smª lxxviijs.

The M^r of y^e Revells

Edmond Tillney Mr of the Revells demandeth for his owne Attendaunce I for 4 men from ye last of October 1604 untill Ashwedensday next following as well for the Rehersalls I making choyse of playes I showes I reformyng of them: As allso for his other attendaunces for Maskes I Devises wen wear presented before the king I Queens Maue by the space of 104 dayes I xvijin night together win iij dayes att Triumphe att Tilt amountinge in all to 124 dayes and nights himselfe att iiijs. I his 4 men att xijd. apece per Diem I as mouch by night: And allso for the wages of himselfe I his iiij men att the same rayt attendinge xxiis dayes in the Somer time aboute ye Ayringe and repayringe of the Robes Garmente I Stafes wint the office cument to

Layde out by the Mr to the Prive Seall & Officers of the Recept att 2 severall times iiij^u. x*.

Layde out for ordenary Allowaunce of fuell for ye M^{rs} lodging to be used att rehersalls the ayring of the Robes t Stufes in ye Offic vijⁿ. x^s.

Layde out for Chandry ware for Tortches and Lighte used att Rehersalls It for ye Mr lodings iiji. x.

Laydout for Boothier to ther chardges att divers times beinge sent for to ye Court for ye servis of ye Offic xxx.

Dewe unto y^e M^r for his ordenary Allowaunce for his Grenclothe and standishe iijⁿ.

To be payed unto the Auditor of the Imprest for his Travell I paines of himselfe I his Clarke in taking of the Accoumpt and for the Ingrosing of it into partchment and declaring the same accompt before ye Lord Thresorer I Chancelor of the Excheker as in fourmer Accompte hath bin allowed vi.

Sma iiij iji xij.

Edmond Pagenham Clark Coptroler of his Matis Re- The Clerk velle demandeth Allowaunce for Board wages for his diet as hathe bin accustomed in former times for his attendaunce I those other weh he imployeth in the ordenary servis of the Kings Matte att Hallomas, Christmas, Candelmas & Shrovtide: As allso uppon other times of severall servesses And allso for the Ayringe of the Robes, Garments 't Stufes web remayneth in ye Office whin the whole yeare cumeth xiiji. vjs. viija.

William Honyng: Clark of the Revells demandeth Clark of the the like Allowaunce for his Attendaunce for his Bourd- Revells. wages I other Charges as hathe bin accustomed during ye time afforesayd. xiiju. vis. viijd.

Furdermore he demandeth as he is Clark of the Revelle for a Grenclothe deske paper I Incke to take ye Billes And to make up the Bookes for ye Auditor And ye ledger booke for ye Offic iij^{li}. vis. viijs.

Edward Kirkham Yeoman of the Revelle demandeth Yeoman of allso the leke Allowaunce for his Board wages ? Atten- the Revells. daunces duringe the sayd servisses as hathe bin allowed xiij^{li}. vjs. viij^d.

Moreover he demandethe for things layd out for Thred, Tape, And Workmanship of shoes garments we'n weare sent to Oxford att the king? Maties being ther

> Sum total of the Emptions pvitions, Carreinges Wages 1 Attendaunces of this yeare Ano clxxvh. vs. ii4. 1605

> > Ed: Tyllney Wm. Honyng Ed: Pakenham Edward Kirkham

[BOOK XIII.]

The Booke of the Reuells

Ending the last day of October

Ano Dom: 1612.

The Chardges of those times viz Betwene the last of October 1611 Anno Reg Regis Jacobij Nono untill the first of Novembar 1612 As welby by meanes of the attending makinge choyse pusing and reforminge of Playes Inventions, as was presented and set forthe before ye King Mate in times afforsayd: As allso for workmens wages, The Officers Bord wages, wares, workmanship, carredges, and other Expences therto belonging: As Fuel and Chandrieware for the Master, I for the Office, for Rehersall and Ayring of Stufe and Garment with such leike ordenarie Allowaunces as hathe bin accoustomed heartofore allowed. The pticuler whearof with the parties names to whome, I wherfore ye same is dewe unto hearafter foloweth.

The Names of the Playes and by what Cumpaney played them hearafter followethe; As allso what Maskes and Triumphes att the Tilte were presented before the King? Matte in this year 1612.

By the Kings Players: Hallomas nyght was presented att Whithall before ye King? Matte a play called the Tempest.

The Kings players:

The 5th of Nouember; A play called ye winters night? Tayle.

On St Stiuenes night A play called A King I no King The Kings I Rūing at ye Ring.

St John night A play called the City Gallant

The Queens players:

The Sunday followinge A play called the Almanak

The Princes players

On Neweres night A play called the Twiñes Tragedie and Rūing att the Ring

The Kings players.

The Sunday following A play called Cupids Reueng

The Childern of Whitfriars

Twelfe night The princes Mask performed by Gentelmen of his High—

This day the King and Prince wth diuer of his Nobelmen did run att ye Ring for a prize.

The Sunday followinge att Grinwidg before the Queen and the Prince was playd the Siluer Aiedg: and yenext night following Lucrecia.

By the Queens players and the Kings Men.

Candelmas night A play called Tu Coque.

By the Queens players.

Shroue Sunday: A play called The Noblman.

By the Kings players.

Shroue Munday: A play called Himens Haliday

Duck of Yorks players.

By the

Shroue Teuesday A play called the proud Mayds Tragedie

By the Ladye Elizabeths players

On the 24th day of Marche beinge the Kings Mates day of his Entrie to the Croune of England was performed at ye Tilt A Triumphe

A Noat of what stufe wth workmanshipe hath bine bestowed one the Branches for the King? Matter Servis this yeare beginning the vth of November 1611: by Richard Franckellen and Robert Wright wth other Sarvants in Wierdrawers Bill Whithall and the Bancketting house as followeth: For our selues 6 dayes apece in mending the Branches 't garnishing them att xxd. the day apece 1 Ite. 6 men 6 dayes t one night apece in mending and garneshing the Branches att 18d. the day 't as mouch by night apece....... Ite 6 men on St Stiuens day 't night attending the Sarvis apece at 18d. the day 't as mouch by night 18 Ite our selues one St Johns day and night att xxd. apece aday and as mouche by night... 6 Ite one St Johns day for 4 men day and ye Workmanship and Atnight att 3s. a pece 12 tendance Ite for our selues one Sunday following attending the Sarvis for the day I night att 3.4d. a pece..... 6 For 4 men the same day and night att 3. the 12 Ite our selues 5 dayes 7 one night apece in mending ye Branches aganiest newers day I attending the Sarvis att 1. 8d. apece ... Ite 4 men 5 days 1 night apece in mending the Branches and attending att 18d. the day 18d. ye night apece..... 1 16 Ite 6 men on Twelfth day and night att 3. ye day I night apece..... 18 Ite our selues on Candelmas day 't ye night att 3. 4d. apece..... For 4 men the same day 't night att 3. the 12 pece

Ite 6 men for mending and garnishing the Branches against Shrousunday for 3 dayes	li.		d.	
apece att 18. aday apece	1	7		
For 6 men on Shrovtewsday for ye day t night		-		
att 3s. ye pece		18		
Ite our selues on Ashwensday to take doune ye				
Branches		3	4	
Ite 4 men the same day to take doune ye		•	•	
Branches at 18 ^d . ye pece		6		
Dianones at 10°. y pece				
	14	5	4	
For Twelue newe Branches maied of doble			-	
whit plat of the largest sort at xls. the				
	24			
For 8 great newe wier Rode for hanging up	~1			
the Branches att x*. the Rod	4			
Ite 38th of great wier to mend the ould wier	7			
Rode and hanging the Branches att xijd. the				
	1	10		
pound		18		
Ite 16th of Small wier for ye Branches att	4	•		
xvj ^d . ye pound	1	1	4	
Ite 20th of Assidew cut into Tassells & Fringe	_	•		
for the Branches att 3°. 6d. the pound	3	10		
Ite 8th of Assidew cut very small for the				
Branches and pendants att ve. the pound	2			
Ite for 9 doson of Staypells to strayne the				Wierdraer
wiers for the hanging up the Branches att				persels and ware.
ijs. ye dousen		18		ware,
For 30 sliding pipes for the wiers att vjd. ye		•		
pece		15		
For 10 dos of dobell playte att vj the dosoun	3			
For 6 dos of pendant? for the Braunches in ye				
Bancketing house 't the hall att vjs. ye dose	1	16		
Item 8 new pullyes for the Branches at iiijd.				
ve pece		2	8	

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	Ite 6 dos of Candellplate at 3. ye dos	li.	18	đ,
	Ite for viijib of Soder to mend the Branches	•		
	at 8d.		5	4
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The Bill of the Mr of the Reuells from 1 11 ? 1612.

S' George Buc, knight M' of the King? Mates Revell? demandeth Allowance for him selfe 't his 4 men from Allhollen Eve 1611 untill 't for Ashwednesday following being the space of 118 days and for 20 night? as allso for 14 dayes for his Attendances uppon the Running att the Ring and att the Triumph in March and for 20 dayes in the Sumer for Ayring the Stufe and other sarvices were cometh to (at viij. p die 't totidem p noct 694. 4s.

Ite the M^r demandethe Allowance as hath bin accustomed for Fewell as well for his own lodging as for y^e Ayring? of the stufe 't for y^e Rehersall? of y^e playes 8^t.

Ite the sayd M^r asketh for Allowaunce for Light?, Torches and Chandrey War for the Sarvis aboue sayd as hathe ben accustomed

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Ite the Mr demandeth Allowance for a grencloth for a Standish paper t Inck as hath bin allowed 311.61.84.

He demandeth Allowance for Botehier & other charges of Attendance att Grenwich during the Abode of the Duke of Bulion t other Imbassadors in ye Sumer

1^H. 10^a.

Ite the sayd Mr asketh allowance of 511. for ye Auditor of the Imprest 5ª.

Layd out by the sayd Mr unto the Clarke of his Matter priue Seal 't Signet for his Matts Warrant

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Ite to Mr Warder for Entring the Order

Ite to S' Willm Bowier for ye Recept of ye Money 't to his Clarke 16.

Ite the sayd Mr demandethe Allowance for rent of his house weh the Auditors hathe warrant for 80ª.

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Allexander Stafford Clark comptroler of his Matts Revelle demandeth Allowance for his Bordwages I diet as hath accustomed and his Attendance I those we he imployed in ye ordinarie Sarvis of the Kinge Matte from Hallomas untill Ashwednesday as allso for other extraordinarie attendances att ye Tilting & Shoes and for ye Ayringe of the Stufe 't garmente in the Offic whin this xiij". vj. viije. years imployment cumes to

William Honyng Clark of his Matta Revelle demandeth Allowance for his Bordwages 't for his Attendance wil those weh he imployed in ye ordinarie sarvis of his Matte from Hallomas till Ashwednesday I other Servises win xiiji. vj. viijd. the years attendance

Allso he demandeth as he is Clark of ye Revelle for a

grencloth paper ynke 't other thinge therto belonging as his predessessors had before him to make ye Bille 't Booke for ye Auditor 't a Ledger booke iijⁿ. vje. viij^d.

Willm Honyng Clark of ye Revelle demandethe in this Accoumpt for A Rent of his house of xv^{ll}. a year weh he was dispossessed of in St Johns weh the Auditors hath warrant fro the Lord Threseror the Chancellor of ye Excheker to allowe of xv^{ll}.

Edward Kirkham yeoman of his Mates Revelle demandeth the leeke allowance for his Bordwages I other Attendances of playes and Maske Tilting I Ayring of the Stufe as is allowed unto ye former officers aboue cumethe unto xiiji. vj. viijd.

Allso Edward Kirkham yeoman of ye Revelle demandethe Allowance of a Rent for his house of xv¹¹. by year to be passed in the years Accoumpt weh ther is warrant from ye lord Thresseror and the Chancellor of the Excheker to ye Auditors for xv¹¹.

734. 6. 8d.

Sma Total of the hole Charge of this years Accoumpte ended the last of Octobar 1612 Truly examined amounteth unto cciiiju. vii.

G. Buc. W. Honyng
A. Stafford. Edward Kirkham.

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Thomas Gyles for mony to him due, &c., p. 10.] "It appears from the books of Sir Thomas Heneage, Treasurer of the Chamber to Queen Elizabeth from 1 Nov., 1586 to 1 Nov., 1587, that Thomas Gyles was master of the children of St. Paul's School at that time." (Malone Shak. by Boswell, iii. 368.) "This supposition is probably mistaken. Thomas Gyles (or, as he spells his own name, Gylles) was a person whose trade it was to let out apparel for public and private entertainments; and in the very year of which we are now speaking, 1571, he made a complaint in writing to Sir William Cecill (among whose papers it is found), that the Yeoman of the Queen's Revels injured his business and the Queens dresses by improperly, and for hire, allowing them to be taken out of the office in order to be worn at marriages, bauquets, &c., in town and country." (Collier's Annals, i., 198).

Narcissus showen on Twelfe day, p. 13.] "A play with this name is mentioned by Heywood in his 'Apology.'" (Shak. Reprint, p. 56.) "Art thou proud our scene presents thee with the fall of Phaeton; Narcissus pining in the love of his shadow," &c.

Heads of heare drest and tymmed, p. 18.] Let me mention here once for all that, in the printing of these accounts, the original books have been followed to the very letter. Errors, such as tymmed for trymmed correct themselves, while they shew the general inaccuracy of the clerk-comptroller and his clerk.

iij pair of Buskins for Allphonse, p. 22.] i. e. for Alphonso Ferrabosco.

Petrucio for his travell, &c., p. 23.] That is, I presume, Petruccio Ubaldino, a Florentine, who was in the receipt of a yearly fee from Queen Elizabeth of forty marks, as I learn from the accounts of the Treasurer of the Chamber. See also p. 140.

The Banketting Howse made at White Hall for Thentertaynement of the seide Duke, p. 26.] The Duke de Montmorency, Paule de Foix, and Bertrand de Saligners arrived in this country as ambassadors "about the ninth of June, 1572." In Nicholl's Progresses mention is made "of a place" for the duke's entertainment, "all breaded and deckt with flowers of the forrests, and also covered with canvas on the head."

William Hunnys for Rozes, p. 28.] This is not the poet, I believe, but another William Hunnys, who was "Supervizor and Keper of the greate gardens and orchardes at Greenwich," and whose name occurs very frequently in the accounts of the Treasurer of the Chamber. "A Hive full of Honey," and "A Handfull of Honeysuckles" (the titles of two of Hunnys' works) seem to savour, however, not a little of the gardens at Greenwich.

For Mukesters playe, p. 34.] i. e. Richard Mulcaster, the master of Merchant Tailors' School, and the author of "Positions concerning the training up of Children." 4to. 1581.

A tree of holly for the Dutton's play, p. 34.] "Dutton was at the head of Lord Warwick's servants." (Collier's *Annals*, vol. i., p. 235.)

A desk for farrants playe, p. 35.] Richard Ferrant, master of the children of Windsor.

For Eldertons play, p. 42.] William Elderton, the ballad-maker, Deloney's predecessor. He was dead in 1592.

Percius and Anthomiris, p. 68.] "Malone conjectured that this was an ignorant blunder of the person making out the accounts for Andromeda, and no doubt he was right." (Collier's Annals of the Stage, vol. i., p. 209.) See p. 35 and 42.

The hall at Hampton Coorte, p. 70.] The hall now called Cardinal Wolsey's Hall, but built by Henry VIII. after the death of the great cardinal.

The History of Phedrastus and Phigon and Lucia together, p. 87.] "This is most likely the same piece that, in the account of the Revels of the preceding year, we have seen named P[r]edor and Lucia, p. 51; perhaps neither was the correct title of the play." (Collier's *Annals*, vol. i., p. 235.)

Wheare my L. of Leicesters men showed their matter of panecia, p. 87.] Query Philemon and Philecia, played at Hampton Court on Shrove Mundaye night by the Erle of Leicester's men. See p. 68.

To John Rosse for Long boordes for the stere of a clowde, p. 90.] This bill of the property-maker is of the utmost importance in the history of our stage. I may mention here what I have never seen mentioned before, that the first local scene known to have been brought upon the stage in public or at court, was produced on the performance of Carew's masque, "Cœlum Britannicum, at court, on the 18th Feb., 1633. "In the lower part," he says, " was seen afarre off the prospect of Windsor Castell, the famous seat of the most Honourable Order of the Garter." "The Curtaine," Carew tells us, " was watchet and a pale yellow in paines which flying up on the sudden, discovered the scene." Among the Lansdowne MSS. (No. 1171) are few ground-plots, or profiles of scenes, by Inigo Jones, for the production of masques at the Masquing House at Whitehall. The first is a "Profyle of ye scene when the scene doth wholly change as well on the sides, as at ye backe shutters, and when the side peices are made to change by run-

ning in groves." Pieces of clouds were made to come down from the roof before the upper part of the side shutters; clouds at the sides and clouds above were produced to make one sole heaven; and an engine, with a capstan, placed under the stage to assist the deities in ascending and descending. The second is a "Groundplot of a scene where the side pieces of the scene do altogether change with the back shutters." These changes were four several times, and each change would appear to have run in a distinct groove. In other plans are boxes for the nobility, and in one the situation of the music room is clear enough; viz. at the side of the stage.

Sabastians playe, p. 95.] That is, Sebastian Westcott, master of the children of Paul's.

The historie of Error, p. 102.] "We have distinct evidence of the existence of an old play called 'The Historie of Error,' which was acted at Hampton Court on New Year's days, 1576-7. The same play, in all probability, was repeated at Windsor on Twelfth-Night, 1582-3, though, in the accounts of the master of the Revels, it is called "The Historie of Ferrar." (Collier's Shak., vol. ii., p. 109.)

The historye of the Cenofalls, p. 102.] The Cynocephali were a nation of India having the head of a dog. See Pliny, and Bulwer's Artificiall Changling, p. 17.—Boswell. At p. 110, a payment occurs of ijs. to "The Mowldeman for a boundes heade mowlded for a Cenofall."

The Historye of Titus and Gisippus, p. 114.] There were two stories of this "figure of perfect friendship" in verse before the play acted by the children of Paul's, one by William Walter, the other by Edward Lewicke. Mr. Collier conjectured that the play before us "was perhaps constructed of these materials," but has he not overlooked the fact that there was an old acted play of Titus and Gisippus, by Ralph Radcliffe! See Warton's History, by Price, vol. iii., p. 213.

A Comodie or Morrall devised on a Game of the Cards, p. 176.] "Then for comedies, to speake of a London comedie, how much good matter, yea and matter of state, is there in that Comedie cald the play of the Cards? in which it is showed, how foure Parasiticall knaues robbe the foure principall vocations of the Realme, videl. the vocation of Souldiers, Schollers, Marchants, and Husbandmen. Of which Comedie I cannot forget the saying of a notable wise counsellor that is now dead (Sir Fraunces Walsinghame*), who when some (to sing Placebo) aduised that it should be forbidden, because it was somewhat too plaine, and indeed as the old saying is (sooth boord is no boord), yet he would have it allowed, adding it was fit that They which doe that they should not, should heare that they would not."—A Brief Apologie of Poetrie by Sir John Harrington 1591.

Sir Francis died in April, 1590.

A Historie of Loue and Fortune, p. 176.] Perhaps "The Rare Triumphs of Love and Fortune, Plaide before the Queenes most excellent Majestie 4°. 1589," a copy of which, believed to be unique, is among the treasures of the Bridgewater library. (See Collier's *Annals*, vol. i., p. 248, and vol. iii., p. 44.)

A Historie of Ferrar, p. 177.] Probably an interlude, written by George Ferrers. See Warton's Hist. of Poetry, vol. iii., p. 212, and p. 293.—Boswell, iii., 406. "Boswell not very happily conjectured that this 'Historie of Ferrar' was some piece, by George Ferrers, as if it had been named after its author, who had been dead some years: the fact, no doubt, is, that the clerk who prepared the account merely wrote the title by his ear."—(Collier's Shak., vol. ii., p. 109.)

A Historie of Ariodante and Geneuora, p. 177.] "Nobody has observed upon the important fact, in connection with 'Much Ado about Nothing,' that a 'History of Ariodante and Geneuora" was played before Queen Elizabeth, by 'Mulcaster's children,' in 1582-3. How far Shakespeare might be indebted to this production we cannot at all determine; but it is certain that the serious incidents he employed in his comedy had, at an early dute, formed the subject of a dramatic representation."—(Collier's Shak., vol. ii., p. 185.)

Beinge sente for to the Courte by Letter from Mr Secretary, p. 187.] Sir Francis Walsingham. "Who hath not heard of Sir Francis Walsingham, an eminent Councellour in Queen Elizabeth's Time, famous for his wisdom in matters of State, and more for his piety in advancing the Gospel? yet this was the man, that procured the Queen to entertain Players for her Servants; and to give them Wages, as in a just vocation. And would be ever have done this, being so religious a man, if he had thought plays to be prophane; being so great a statesman, if inconvenient to the state? And now, methinks, I have said enough in defence of plays."—Theatrum Redivivum, or the Theatre Vindicated, &c., by Sir Richard Baker. 12mo. 1662

The Moor of Venis, p. 203.] Othello. We owe to Mr. Collier the discovery of an earlier notice of its performance than this.

Mesur for Mesur, p. 204.] "Malone conjectured, from certain allusions, that Measure for Measure' was written in 1603; and, if we suppose it to have been selected for performance at court on 26th Dec., 1604, on account of its popularity at the theatre after its production, his supposition will receive some confirmation . . . We may arrive pretty safely at the conclusion that 'Measure for Measure' was written either at the close of 1603, or in the beginning of 1604."—(Collier's Shak., vol. ii., p. 5.) The mention in the text is the first, as yet found, of Shakespeare's "Measure for Measure."

The Plaie of Errors, p. 204.] As "The Comedy of Errors" is in Meres'

list of Shakespeare's Plays, this notice of its performance at court is of no further use than to confute Malone's assertion that this comedy was not revived after the accession of the Scottish monarch. It was not only revived, but revived, moreover, at court.

How to larne of a woman to wooe, p. 204.] Of this play, by Thomas Heywood, we know nothing beyond this casual notice of its performance at court. Heywood was the most prolific playwright of his age.

The Queens Matts Maske of Moures, p. 204.] Jonson's first masque at Whitehall was the masque of Blackness. The queen, it appears, gave Jonson his order to make a masque of Moors, and the poet brought the Nigritæ of Ptolemy and Solinus into his invention. The short account of the masque by the clerk of the Revels offers a curious contrast to Jonson's own delightful description.

Euery one in his Umor, p. 204.]

This Comoedie was first Acted, in the yeere 1598.

By the then L. Chamberlayne his Seruants.

The principall Comædians were.

Will Shakespeare
Avg. Philips
Hen. Condel
Will. Slye
Will. Kempe

Ric. Byrbadge
Ioh. Hemings
Tho. Pope
Chr. Beeston
Ioh. Dyke.

With the allowance of the Master of Revells.

Euery on out of his Umor p. 204.]

This Comicall Satyre was first acted in the yeere 1599.

By the then Lord Chamberlaine his Seruants.

The principall Comædians were,

Ric. Byrbage Ioh. Hemings
Avg. Philips Hen. Condel.
Wil. Sly Tho. Pope

With the allowance of the Master of Revels.

The Tempest, p. 210.] "Hallowmas nyght 1611" was the 1st of November, 1611; and as it was the custom of the age not to produce a play at court, "for his Ma" Regal disport and recreation," before it had been stamped with public approbation on a public stage, "The Tempest" was

in all likelihood first produced at the Globe, in the summer of 1611. If this is correct, what becomes of Mr. Hunter's position, maintained with so much ingenuity and learning, that "The Tempest" of 1611 was the "Loves Labours Won," mentioned as Shakespeare's by Meres, in 1598. Every fresh discovery of a fact about Shakespeare's plays proves that he was distinguished earlier, and retired earlier, than his commentators and biographers have been hitherto willing to allow.

The Winters Nights Tayle, p. 210.] On the 19th of August, 1623, Sir Henry Herbert allowed afresh, without a fee, "An olde playe called Winter's Tale, formerly allowed of by Sir George Bucke, and likewyse by mee on Mr. Hemmings his worde that there was nothing profane added or reformed, though the allowed booke was missinge."—Malone's Shak. by Bos. iii., 229. Now, as Tylney, Buc's predecessor in office, died in October, 1610, "The Winter's Tale" must, without question, be assigned to some period subsequent to the date of Tylney's death. Dr. Forman, by Mr. Collier's shewing, saw "The Winter's Tale" played at the Globe, on the 15th May, 1611; and we now know that it was played at court on the 5th November, 1611.

A play called Cupids Reueng, p. 211.] By Beaumont and Fletcher, and hitherto said to have been first acted in 1613.

The City Gallant.—Tu Coque, p. 211.] "Greene's Tu Quoque, or the Cittie Gallant, As it hath beene divers times acted by the Queenes Majesties Servants, Written by Jo. Cooke, Gent." 4to. 1614. Mr. Collier, in a note in his edition of "Dodsley's Old Plays," threw out a conjecture that this play, when originally produced, had some other title, until the excellence of Green's performance, and his mode of delivering Tu Quoque, gave it his name. "It could scarcely be brought out," he adds, "in the first instance, under the appellation of Green's Tu Quoque,' before it was known how it would succeed, and how his acting would tell in the part of Bubble." That "Tu Quoque" was first known as "The City Gallant," this account of Buc's proves beyond question.

The Silver Aiedg: and ye next night following Lucrecia, p. 211.] "The Silver Age" is by Thomas Heywood, who was also author of a play called "The Rape of Lucrece," of which Mr. Collier mentions an edition in 1608.

Himens Haliday, p. 211.] "Hymen's Holiday, or Cupid's Vagaries," an old play of Rowley's," was acted before the king and queen, on the 16th December, 1633, and "liked," as Sir Henry Herbert tells us.

The proud Mayds Tragedie, p. 211.] See Introduction, p. xl.

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Another edition was published in 1638, but appears to be the same impression with a different title-page. On both title-pages is a portrait of Tarlton, at full length, with his tabret. The portrait on the following page is taken from a MS. in the Harleian collection, but it differs so slightly from the woodcut on the title-page of the "Jests," that it was not considered necessary to give both. The principal variation is a line of buttons on the right side of Tarlton's coat.

The three parts of Tarlton's Jests were originally published separately. On 4th August, 1600, Thomas Pavier had license to print "the second parte of Tarltons Jestes;" and, for reasons mentioned in the Introduction, the first part probably was not published much earlier. It appears, also, from the books of the Stationers' Company, that on February 21st, 1608, Tarlton's Jests was assigned over to Mr. Knight from John Budge, "with the consente of Mr. Lownes, warden." Mr. Collier is, therefore, quite right in conjecturing that the edition of 1611 was not the first, although the earliest now known to exist. See Introduction to Armin's Nest of Ninnies, p. xi.



RICHARD TARLTON.

TARLTON'S COURT-WITTY JESTS.

How Tarlton plaid the drunkard before the Queene.

The Queene being discontented, which Tarlton perceiving, took upon him to delight her with some quaint jest: whereupon he counterfaited a drunkard, and called for beere, which was brought immediately. Her Majestie, noting his humor, commanded that he should have no more; for, quoth shee, he will play the beast, and so shame himselfe. Feare not you, quoth Tarlton, for your beere is small enough. Whereat Her Majestie laughed heartily, and commanded that he should have enough.

How Tarlton deceived the watch in Fleetstreet.

Tarlton, having bin late at court, and comming homewards thorow Fleetstreet, he espied the watch, and, not knowing how to passe them, hee went very fast, thinking by that meanes to goe unexmained: but the watchmen, percieving that hee shunned them, stept to him and commanded him, in the queene's name, to stand. Stand! quoth Tarlton, let them stand that can, for I cannot. So, falling downe as though he had been drunke, they helpt him up, and so let him passe.

How Tarlton flowted a lady in the court.

Upon a time, Tarlton being among certaine ladies at a banquet which was at Greenewich, the queene then lying there, one of the ladies had her face full of pimples with heat at her stomake; for which cause she refused to drinke wine amongst the rest of the ladies: which Tarlton perceiving, for he was there of purpose to jest amongst them, quoth he: A murren of that face, which makes all the body fare the worse for it. At which the rest of the ladies laught, and she, blushing for shame, left the banquet.

Tarlton's opinion of oysters.

Certaine noblemen and ladies of the court, being eating of oysters, one of them, seeing Tarlton, called him, and asked him if he loved oysters. No, quoth Tarlton, for they be ungodly meate, uncharitable meat, and unprofitable meate. Why? quoth the courtiers. They are ungodly, sayes Tarlton, because they are eaten without grace; uncharitable, because they leave nought but shells; and unprofitable, because they must swim in wine.

Tarlton's resolution of a question.

One of the company taking the gentlemans part, asked Tarlton at what time he thought the divell to be most busied. When the pope dies, quoth he. Why, saies the courtier. Marry, answered he, then all the devells are troubled and busied to plague him; for he hath sent many a soule before him thither, that exclaime against him.

How a parsonage fell in Tarlton's hands.

Her Majestie, dining in the Strand at the Lord Treasurers,¹ the lords were very desirous that she would vouchsafe to stay

¹ Burghley House, in the Strand.

all night, but nothing could prevaile with her. Tarlton was in his clownes apparell, being all dinner while in the presence with her, to make her merry; and hearing the sorrow that the noblemen made that they could not worke her stay, he asked the nobles what they would give him to worke her stay. The lords promised him any thing, to performe it. Quoth he, procure me the parsonage of Shard. They caused the patent to be drawne presently. He got on a parson's gowne and a corner-cap, and, standing upon the stairs, where the queene should descend, he repeated these words: A parson or no parson? A parson, or no parson? But, after she knew his meaning, shee not only stayd all night, but the next day willed he should have possession of the benefice. A madder parson was never, for he threatned to turne the bellmettle into lyning for his purse; which he did, the parsonage and all, into ready money.

How Tarlton proved two gentlewomen dishonest by their owne words.

Tarlton seeing in Greenwich two gentlewomen in the garden together, to move mirth, comes to them, and enquires thus: Gentlewomen, which of you two is the honester? I, sayes the one, I hope, without exceptions: and I, quoth the other, since we must speake for ourselves. So, then, sayes Tarlton, one of you, by your own words, is dishonest, one being honester than the other, else you would answere otherwise; but, as I found you, so I leave you.

How Tarlton answered a wanton gentlewoman.

¹ This anecdote, pudoris causa, I have thought it expedient to omit. There is no fact of any importance in it.

How Tarlton dared a lady.

At the dinner in the great chamber, where Tarlton jested, the ladies were daring one another. Quoth one, I ever durst do any thing that is honest and honourable. A French crowne of that, sayes Tarlton. Ten pound of that, sayes the lady. Done, sayes one. Done, sayes another. Tarlton put two pence betwixt his lips, and dared her to take it away with her lips. Fie, sayes shee, that is immodesty. What, to kisse? says Tarlton, then immodesty beares a great hand over all: but once in your life, say you have beene beaten at your owne weapon. Well, sir, sayes shee, you may say any thing. Then, sayes Tarlton, remember I say you dare not, and so my wager is good.

How Tarlton landed at Cuckolds-haven.1

Tarlton being one Sunday at court all day, caused a paire of oares ² to tend him, who at night called on him to be gone. Tarlton, being a carousing, drunk so long to the watermen, that one of them was bumpsie; ² and so, indeede, were all three for the most part. At last they left Greenwich, the tide being at great low fall, the watermen yet afraide of the crosse cables by the Lime house, very dark and late as it was, landed Tarlton at Cuckolds-haven, and said, the next day they would give him a reason for it. But Tarlton was faine to goe by land to Redriffe on the dirty banke, every step knee-deepe: so that, comming home, hee called one of his boyes to help him off with his boots, meaning his stockings, which were died of

¹ A spot on the river Thames, a little below Rotherhithe, still called Cuckold's Point. See Webster's Works, iii., 197, for an account of the curious tradition respecting this spot. The court of course was then at Greenwich.

² That is, two watermen.

³ Nearly tipsy.

another colour. Whereupon one gave him this theame next day:

Tarlton, tell mee, for fayne would I know, If thou wert landed at Cuckolds-haven or no?

Tarlton answered thus:-

Yes, sir, I tak't in no scorne, For many land there, yet misse of the horne.

How Tarlton fought with Black Davie.

Not long since lived a little swaggerer, called Blacke Davie, who would at sword and buckler fight with any gentleman or other for twelve pence. He being hired to draw upon Tarlton, for breaking a jest upon huffing Kate, a punke, as men termed her, one evening, Tarlton comming forth at the court gate, being at Whitehall, and walking toward the Tilt yard, this Davie immediately drew upon Tarlton, who on the sudden, though amazed, drew likewise, and enquired the cause; which Davie denied till they had fought a bout or two. Tarlton couragiously got within him, and, taking him in his armes, threw him into the Tilt yard; who, falling upon his nose, broke it extremely, that ever after he snuffled in the head. Davie, lying all that night in the Tilt yard, expecting the doores to be opened, came forth, and at the barber-surgeons told of this bloody combat. And the occasion of it was, quoth he, because Tarlton, being in a taverne, in the company of this damnable cockatrice,1 huffing Kate, called for wine; but she told him that, without he would burne it, she would not drink. No, quoth Tarlton, it shall be burnt, for thou canst burne it without fire. As how, sir, quoth she. Mary, thus: take the cup in thine hand, and I will tell thee. So he, filling the

¹ A common name for a woman of bad character. See Old Plays, ed. 1825, iv., 84: "now-a-days, no courtier but has his mistress, no captain but has his cockatrice, no cuckold but has his horns, and no fool but has his feather."

cup in her hand, said it was burnt sufficiently in so fiery a a place. Shee perceiving herselfe so flouted, hired me to be her champion to revenge her quarrell.

How Tarlton answered the watchmen, comming from the court.

Tarlton having plaied before the queene till one a clock at midnight, comming homewards, one of them espied him, called him, Sirra, what art thou? A woman, sayes Tarlton. Nay, that is a lye, say the watchmen, women have no such beards. Tarlton replyed: If I should have said a man, that you know to be true, and would have bidden me tel you that you know not! therefore, I said a woman; and so I am all woman, having pleased the queene, being a woman. Well, sirra, sayes another, I presente the queene. Then am I a woman, indeed, sayes Tarlton, as well as you; for you have a beard as well as I, and truly, Mistriss Annis, my buske 1 is not done yet; when will yours? Leave thy gibing, fellow, saith the watch: the queenes will is, that whosoever is taken without doores after ten a clocke, shall bee committed; and now it is past one. Commit all such, sayes Tarlton, for if it be past one a clock, it will not be ten this eight houres. With that one lifts up his lanthorne, and lookes him in the face, and knew him. Indeed, M. Tarlton, you have more wit then all we; for it is true that ten was before one, but now one is before ten. It is true, quoth Tarlton, watchmen had wont to have more wit, but for want of sleepe, they are turned fooles. So Tarlton stole from them, and they, to seeme wise, went home to bed.

Tarlton's answer to a courtier.

Tarlton being in the court all night, in the morning he met a great courtier comming from his chamber, who, espying Tarl-

¹ A piece of wood, or whalebone, worn down the front of the stays, to keep them straight. According to Hall, they were often used by men as well as women. Nares errs in thinking the term obsolete.

ton, said, Goodmorrow, M. Didimus and Tridimus. Tarlton, being somewhat abashed, not knowing the meaning thereof, said, Sir, I understand you not; expound, I pray you. Quoth the courtier, Didimus and Tridimus is a foole and a knave. You overloade me, replied Tarlton, for my backe cannot beare both; therefore, take you the one and I will take the other; take you the knave, and I will carry the foole with me.

Tarlton's quip for a yong courtier.

There was a yong gentleman in the court that had first bin with the mother, and after with the daughter; and, having so done, asked Tarlton what it resembled. Quoth he: As if you should first have eaten the hen, and after the chicken.

Tarlton's answere to a nobleman's question.

There was a nobleman that asked Tarlton what hee thought of souldiers in time of peace. Marry, quoth he, they are like chimnies in summer.

Tarltons Jest to an unthrifty courtier.

There was an unthriftie gallant belonging to the court that had borowd five pounds of Tarlton; but having lost it at dice, he sent his man to Tarlton to borrow five pounds more, by the same token hee owed him already five pounds. Pray tel your master, quoth Tarlton, that if he will send me the token, I will send him the money; for who deceives me once, God forgive him; if twice, God forgive him; but if thrice, God forgive him, but not me, because I could not beware.

How Tarlton flouted two gallants.

Tarlton being in a merry vaine, as hee walked in the great Hall in Greenwitch, hee met my old Lord Chamber-

• laine 1 going betweene two fantasticke gallants, and cryed aloud unto him, My lord, my lord, you goe in great danger: whereat, amazed, hee asked whereof: of drowning, quoth Tarlton, were it not for those two bladders under each of your armes.

TARLTON'S SOUND CITY JESTS.

Tarlton's jest of a red face.

To an ordinary in White Fryers, where gentlemen used, by reason of extraordinary diet, to this Tarlton often frequented, as well to continue acquaintance as to please his appetite. chanced so upon a time especially, being set amongst the gentlemen and gallants, they enquired of him why melancholy had got the upper hand of his mirth. To which he said little, but, with a squint eye, as custome had made him hare eyed, hee looked for a jest to make them merry. At last he espied one that sate on his left side, which had a very red face, he being a very great gentleman, which was all one to Tarlton, hee presently in great haste called his host, Who doe I serve, my host, quoth Tarlton. The Queenes Majestie, replied the good man of the house. How happens it then, quoth Tarlton, that to her Majesties disgrace, you dare make me a companion with servingmen, clapping my Lord Shandoyes cullisance a upon my sleeve, looking at the gentleman with the red face. Mee thinkes, quoth he, it fits like the Saracens head without Newgate.3 The gentlemans salamanders 4 face burnt

- ¹ ? the Marquess of Winchester.
- ² A badge of arms. According to Hentzner, 1598, the English liked "to be followed wherever they go by whole troops of servants, who wear their masters' arms in silver fastened to their left arms."
 - ⁸ This inn still remains in Skinner Street.
- ⁴ In the First Part of Henry IV., act iii., sc. 3, Falstaff says to Bardolph, "I have maintain'd that *salamander* of yours with fire any time this two and thirty years; Heaven reward me for it!" This is of course an allusion to Bardolph's red face.

like Etna for anger. The rest laughed heartily. In the end, all enraged, the gentleman swore to fight with him at next meeting.

A sudden and dangerous fray twixt a gentleman and Tarlton, which he put off with a jest.

As Tarlton and others passed along Fleet Street, he espied a spruce yong gallant, black of complexion, with long haire hanging downe over his eares, and his beard of the Italian cut,1 in white sattin very quaintly cut, and his body so stiffely starcht, that he could not bend himselfe any way for no gold. Tarlton seeing such a wonder comming, trips before him, and, meeting this gallant, tooke the wall of him, knowing that one so proud at least looked for the prerogative. The gallant, scorning that a player should take the wall, or so much indignifie 2 him, turnes himselfe, and presently drew his rapier. Tarlton drew likewise. The gentleman fell to it roundly; but Tarlton, in his owne defence, compassing and traversing his ground,3 gaped with a wide mouth, whereat the people laughed. The gentleman, pausing, enquired why he gaped so. O, sir, saies he, in hope to swallow you; for, by my troth, you seeme to me like a prune in a messe of white broth. At this the people parted them. The gentleman noting his mad humour, went his way well contented; for he knew not how to amend it.

Tarlton's Jest of a pippin.

At the Bull in Bishops-gate-street, where the queenes players oftentimes played, Tarlton comming on the stage, one

³ Tarlton was well skilled in fencing. See Malone's Shakespeare, ed. Boswell, viii., 30, and Introduction.



¹ The "Italian cut" is mentioned in a chapter on beards in Stubbe's "Anatomie of Abuses," 1583. See also Repton's "Account of the Beard and the Moustachio," 1839, p. 16.

² Insult him, offend his dignity.

from the gallery threw a pippin at him. Tarlton tooke up the pip, and, looking on it, made this sudden jest:—

Pip in, or nose in, chuse you whether,
Put yours in, ere I put in the other.
Pippin you have put in: then, for my grace,
Would I might put your nose in another place.

A jest of an apple hitting Tarlton on the face.

Tarlton having flouted the fellow for his pippin which hee threw, hee thought to be meet with Tarlton¹ at length. So in the play, Tarlton's part was to travell, who, kneeling down to aske his father blessing, the fellow threw an apple at him, which hit him on the cheek. Tarlton taking up the apple, made this jest:—

Gentlemen, this fellow, with this face of mapple, Instead of a pipin, hath thrown me an apple, But as for an apple, he hath cast a crab; So, instead of an honest woman, God hath sent him a drab.

The people laughed heartily, for he had a queene to his wife.

How Tarlton and one in the gallery fell out.

It chanced that in the midst of a play, after long expectation for Tarlton, being much desired of the people, at length hee came forth, where, at his entrance, one in the gallerie pointed his finger at him, saying to a friend that had never seene him, that is he. Tarlton to make sport at the least occasion given him, and seeing the man point with the finger, he in love againe held up two fingers. The captious fellow, jealous of his wife, for he was married, and because a player did it, took the matter

¹ Or, as we should now say, to be even with him.

more hainously, and asked him why he made hornes at him. No, quoth Tarlton, they be fingers:

For there is no man, which in love to me, Lends me one finger, but he shall have three.

No, no, sayes the fellow, you gave me the hornes. True, sayes Tarlton, for my fingers are tipt with nailes, which are like hornes, and I must make a shew of that which you are sure of. This matter grew so, that the more he meddled the more it was for his disgrace; wherefore the standers by counselled him to depart, both hee and his hornes, lest his cause grew desperate. So the poore fellow, plucking his hat over his eyes, went his wayes.

How fiddlers fiddled away Tarlton's apparell.

It chanced that one Fancy and Nancy, two musicians in London, used often with their boyes to visit Tarlton when he dwelt in Gracious-street, at the signe of the Saba,¹ a taverne, he being one of their best friends or benefactors, by reason of old acquaintance, to requite which they came one summer's morning to play him The Hunt's up² with such musicke as they had. Tarlton, to requite them, would open his chamber doore, and for their paines would give them muskadine; which a cony-catcher³ noting, and seeing Tarlton come forth in his shirt and nightgowne to drinke with these musicians, the while this nimble fellow stept in and tooke Tarltons apparell, which every day he wore, thinking that if he were espied to turne it to jest; but it passed for currant and he goes his wayes. Not long after, Tarlton returned to his chamber, and looked for his



¹ See a note further on.

² The name of the tune played to wake the hunters and collect them together. It was also used for any morning song. See Collier's Shake-speare, vi., 453.

³ A sharper, a cheat.

cloathes, but they were safe enough from him. The next day this was noised abroad, and one in mockage threw him in this theame, he playing then at the Curtaine.

Tarlton, I will tell thee a jest
Which after turned to earnest.
One there was, as I heard say,
Who in his shirt heard musicke play,
While all his clothes were stolne away.

Tarlton smiling at this, answered on the sudden thus:-

That's certaine, sir, it is no lie,
That same one in truth was I.
When that the theefe shall pine and lacke,
Then shall I have cloathes to my backe:
And I, together with my fellowes,
May see them ride to Tiborne gallowes.

Of Tarlton and a beggar.

There was a poore begger, but a conceited fellow, who seeing Tarlton at his doore, asked something of him for Gods cause. Tarlton putting his hand in his pocket, gave him two pence, instead of a penny: at which Tarlton made this ryme:—

Of all the beggers most happy thou art, For to thee mine hand is better then my heart.

Quoth the begger:-

True it is, master, as it chanceth now:

The better for me, and the worse for you.²

- ¹ A theatre in Shoreditch, built about the year 1576. See Collier's Annals, iii., 269. Tarlton lived in High Street, Shoreditch, very near this theatre.
- ² This line is proverbial, and the last in a verse sung on the 5th of November by children in country villages.

How Tarlton deceived a doctor of physicke.

Tarlton, to satisfie the humours of certaine gentlemen, his familiar acquaintance, went about for to try the skil of a simple doctor of physick, that dwelt not far from Islington, and thus it was; he tooke a faire urinal, and filled it halfe full of good wine, and bore it to this doctor, saying it was a sicke man's water: he viewed it, and tossing it up and downe, as though he had great knowledge: quoth he, the patient whose water it is, is full of grosse humors, and hath neede of purging, and to be let some ten ounces of bloud. No, you dunce, replyed Tarlton, it is good [water], and with that drunke it off, and threw the urinall at his head.

How Tarlton frightened a country fellow.

Tarlton, passing through London, by chance he heard a simple country fellow in an alehouse, calling for a Kingstone pot of ale, stept in to him, and threatened to accuse him of treason, saying, sirra, I have seene and tasted of a penny pot of ale, and have found good of the price, but of a Kingstone coyne I never heard, therefore it is some counterfet, and I must know how thou camest by it. Hereupon, the country fellow was driven into such amaze that out of doores he got, and tooke him to his heeles, as though wilde fire had followed him.

How Tarlton was deceived by his wife in London.

Tarlton, being merrily disposed, as his wife and he sate together, he said unto her, Kate, answer me to one question without a lye, and take this crown of gold; which shee took on condition, that if she lost, to restore it back again. Quoth Tarlton, am I a cuckold or no, Kate? Whereat shee answered not a word, but stood silent, notwithstanding he urged her many waies. Tarlton seeing she would not speak, askt his gold

againe. Why, quoth shee, have I made any lye? no, sayes Tarlton: why then good man foole, I have won the wager. Tarlton mad with anger, made this rime,

As women in speech can revile a man, So can they in silence beguile a man.

One askt Tarlton what country man the divell was.

In Carter Lane dwelt a merry cobler, who being in company with Tarlton, askt him what countryman the divell was: quoth Tarlton, a Spaniard, for Spaniards, like the divell, trouble the whole world.

A cheese-monger's question to Tarlton.

In time of scarcity, a simple cheese-monger hearing Tarlton commended for his quick wit came unto him and asked him why he thought cheese and butter to be so deere, Tarlton answered, because wood and coales are so deare, for butter and cheese a man may eate without a fire.

Tarlton's answere to a rich Londoner.

Tarlton, meeting a rich Londoner, fell into talke about the Bishop of Peterborough, highly praising his bountie to his servants, his liberality to strangers, his great hospitality, and charity to the poore: he doth well, sayes the rich man, for what he hath, he hath but during his life: Why, quoth Tarlton, for how many lives have you your goods?

How Tarlton gave away his dinner.

As Tarlton and his wife sate at dinner, his wife being displeased with him, and thinking to crosse him, she gave away

¹ This possibly alludes to the Spanish Armada in 1588, in which year Tarlton died.

halfe his meate unto a poore begger, saying, Take this for my other husband's sake. Whereupon Tarlton tooke all that was left, and likewise bade the poore fellow to pray for his other wives soule.

Tarlton's answere to a boy in a rime.

There was a crack-rope boy, meeting Tarlton in London street, sung this rime unto Tarlton:

Woe worth thee Tarlton
That ever thou wast borne;
Thy wife hath made thee cuckold
And thou must weare the horne.

Tarlton presently answered him in extemporie:

What and if I be, boy, I'me ne're the worse; She keepes me like a gentleman, With mony in my purse.

How Tarlton bad himselfe to dinner to my Lord Maiors.

A jest came in Tarlton's head where to dine, and thought he, in all that a man does, let him aime at the fairest, for sure if I bid my selfe any where this day, it shall be to my Lord Maiors,

- ¹ This anecdote also occurs in MS. Sloane 1489, fol. 19, with a few immaterial variations.
- ² "A crack-rope, one that groans for the gallows, un pendart, un fripon, un coquin, un scelerat."—Miege.
- ³ A common expression in early authors, meaning, "Woe betide thee." Ray says it was used in his time in the north of England. See his English Words, 1674, p. 52. Compare Troilus and Crescide, iv. 763:—
- "O mothir mine, that clepid wer Argive,

 Wo worth that daie that thou me bare on live!"

 Woe worthe thee, means, woe be to thee, or woe become to thee.

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and upon this goes to the Counter, and entered his action against my Lord Maior, who was presently told of it, and sends for him. Tarlton waits dinner time, and then comes, who was admitted presently. Master Tarlton, saies my Lord Maior, have you entered an action against me in the Poultry Counter? My Lord, saies Tarlton, have you entred an action against mee in Woodstreet Counter? Not I, in troth, saies My Lord. No! saies Tarlton, he was a villaine that told me so then; but if it bee not so, forgive me this fault, My Lord, and I will never offend in the next. But in the end he begins to sweare how he will be revenged on him that mockt him, and flings out in a rage. But my lord said, stay, M. Tarlton, dine with me, and no doubt but after dinner you will be better minded. try that, my lord, saies Tarlton, and, if it alter mine anger, both mine enemy and I will thanke you together for this courtesie.

Tarlton's jest of a box on the eare.

One that fell out with his friend, meetes him in the street, and calling him into a corner, gave him a box on the eare, and feld him, getting him gone, and never told wherefore he did so, which Tarlton beholding, raised up the fellow, and asked him the reason of their sudden falling out. Can you tell, sir, said the fellow? for by my troth as yet I cannot. Well, said Tarlton, the more foole you, for had I such feeling of the cause, my wit would remember the injurie; but many men are goslings, the more they feele the lesse they conceive.

Tarlton's jest to two tailors.

Tarlton, meeting two tailors, friends of his, in the evening, in mirth cries, Who goes there? A man, answered a tailor. How many is there? One. Yea, said Tarlton. Two, said the other tailor. Then you say true, said Tarlton, for two

tailors goe to a man.¹ But before they parted they foxt² Tarlton at the Castle in Pater Noster Row, that Tarlton confest them two tailors to be honest men. So what they spent in the purse they got in the person. Comming but one, by Tarlton's account, they returned two, but Tarlton comming one, returned lesse by his wit, for that was shrunk in the wetting.

How Tarlton jested at his wife.

Tarlton and his wife keeping an ordinary in Pater Noster Row, were bidden³ out to supper, and because he was a man noted, shee would not goe with him in the street, but intreats him to keepe one side, and she another, which he consented to. But as he went, hee would cry out to her, and say, Turne that way, wife, and anon, on this side, wife; so the people flockt the more to laugh at them. But his wife, more than mad angry, goes backe againe, and almost forswore his company.

How Tarlton committed a raker's horse to ward.

When Tarlton dwelt in Gracious street, 5 at a tavern at the sign of the Saba, 6 he was chosen scavenger, and often the ward complained of his slacknesse in keeping the streets cleane. So

- ¹ Tailors seem to have decreased in reputation, as in modern times nine are said to go to a man.
- ² Made him tipsy. Grose gives this cant term in his Class. Dict. Vulgar Tongue, ed. 1796, in v. *Foxed*, and the word is not uncommon in Elizabethan writers.
 - ³ Invited. It is still used in the north of England.
 - ⁴ A person who raked the dirt off the road or street.
 - ⁵ That is, Gracechurch Street.
- ⁶ The name of this sign has been converted into the Bell-Savage. See Douce's note in Malone's Shakespeare, ed. 1821, xi. 429; Weber's Metrical Romances, i. 263, and the note on l. 6389. In Kyng Alisaunder, the Queen of Sheba is called "Sibely savage," which renders the transformation easy.



on a time, when the cart came, he asked the raker why he did his businesse so slacklye: Sir, said he, my fore horse was in the fault, who, being let bloud and drencht yesterday, I durst not labour him. Sir, said Tarlton, your horse shall smart for it, and so leads him to the counter; which the raker laught at, and, without his horse, did his worke with the rest, thinking Tarlton's humour was but to jest, and would returne him his horse againe anon. But when that anon came, hee was faine to pay all his fees of the prison, as directly as if hee himselfe had beene there. For if Tarlton had committed the master the businesse had not gone forward; therefore the horse was in prison for the master.

How Tarlton made Armin 1 his adopted sonne, to succeed him.

Tarlton keeping a taverne in Gracious street, hee let it to another, who was indebted to Armin's master, a goldsmith in Lombard street, yet he himselfe had a chamber in the same house. And this Armin, being then a wag, came often thither to demand his masters money, which he sometimes had, and sometimes had not. In the end the man growing poore, told the boy hee had no money for his master, and hee must beare with him. The man's name being Charles, Armin made this verse, writing it with chalke on a wainescot:—

O world, why wilt thou lye? Is this Charles the great! that I deny. Indeed Charles the great before, But now Charles the lesse, being poore.

Tarlton comming into the roome, reading it, and partly ac-

¹ Armin was one of the original performers in Shakespeare's plays, and the present very curious and singular anecdote has been mentioned by Mr. Collier in the Introduction to the "Nest of Ninnies," omitting, however, some particulars.



quainted with the boyes humour, comming often thither for his master's money, tooke a piece of chalk, and wrote this ryme by it:—

> A wagge thou art, none can prevent thee; And thy desert shall content thee. Let me divine. As I am, So in time thou'lt be the same, My adopted sonne therefore be, To enjoy my clownes sute after me.

And see how it fell out. The boy reading this, so loved Tarlton after, that regarding him with more respect, hee used to his playes, and fell in a league with his humour: and private practise brought him to present playing, and at this houre performes the same, where, at the Globe on the Banks side men may see him.

Tarlton's greeting with Banks his horse.

There was one, Banks, in the time of Tarlton, who served the Earle of Essex,² and had a horse of strange qualities, and being at the Crosse-keyes in Gracious streete, getting mony

- ¹ This is an evidence that Armin was living, and playing at the Globe in 1600, when the second part of these jests was printed, but is no evidence that he was alive in 1611, as Malone seems to conclude. Mr. Collier conjectures that Armin died in the year 1606.
- ² This seems to be a new fact in Banks' history. From a quotation in Douce's Illustrations, vol. i. p. 214, it appears he was a vintner in Cheapside, and the same profession seems to be indicated here. It has been generally said that the famous horse was not exhibited till after Tarlton's death. I think the allusion to this "jest," in Bastard's work quoted below, a strong evidence that there is a possibility of this tale being at least founded on fact. A little tract, entitled "Maroccus Extaticus," was published in 1595, but gives no particulars of value. Its recent re-publication will confirm Mr. Collier's disappointment with it. The preface to this reprint contains several particulars extracted from the

with him, as he was mightily resorted to. Tarlton then, with his fellowes, playing at the Bel by,1 came into the Crosse-keyes, amongst many people, to see fashions, which Banks perceiving, to make the people laugh, saies Signior, to his horse, Go fetch me the veryest foole in the company. The jade comes immediately and with his mouth drawes Tarlton forth. Tarlton, with merry words, said nothing, but "God a mercy horse." In the end Tarlton, seeing the people laugh so, was angry inwardly, and said, Sir, had I power of your horse, as you have, I would doe more than that. What ere it be, said Banks, to please him, I will charge him to do it. Then, saies Tarlton, charge him to bring me the veriest whore-master 2 in the company. The horse leades his master to him. Then "God a mercy horse, indeed," saies Tarlton. The people had much ado to keep peace: but Bankes and Tarlton had like to have squar'd, and the horse by to give aime.3 But ever after it was a by word thorow London, God a mercy horse, and is to this day.

An excellent jest of Tarlton suddenly spoken.

At the Bull at Bishops-gate was a play of Henry the fift,⁴ wherein the judge was to take a box on the eare; and because

variorum Shakespeare, ed. 1821, vol. iv. p. 299-300, and Douce's Illustrations, vol. i. p. 212-4, but no notice is taken of this anecdote. The presumed age of the horse in 1601 can scarcely be considered a safe argument one way or the other, the eye-witness not speaking from actual knowledge.

- 1 Near at hand.
- ² This certainly appears to be alluded to in Bastard's "Chrestoloros," 1598:—"Bankes, who taught your horse to smell a knave?"
 - ³ A figure taken from archery. See Nares, in v. Aim.
- 4 Not Shakespeare's play of that name, but an earlier drama, which has probably come to us in a mutilated shape, entitled "The Famous Victories of Henry the Fifth," from which Shakespeare may have taken the idea of the robbery at Gadshill in his Henry IV. Tarlton's usual part was that of Derick, the clown, not that of the judge, as stated by the commentators.

he was absent that should take the blow, Tarlton himselfe, ever forward to please, tooke upon him to play the same judge, besides his owne part of the clowne: and Knel 1 then playing Henry the fift, hit Tarlton a sound boxe indeed, which made the people laugh the more because it was he, but anon the judge goes in, and immediately Tarlton in his clownes cloathes comes out, and askes the actors what newes: O saith one hadst thou been here, thou shouldest have seene Prince Henry hit the judge a terrible box on the eare: What, man, said Tarlton, strike a judge? It is true, yfaith, said the other. No other like, said Tarlton, and it could not be but terrible to the judge, when the report so terrifies me, that me thinkes the blow remaines still on my cheeke, that it burnes againe. people laught at this mightily: and to this day I have heard it commended for rare; but no marvell, for he had many of these. But I would see our clowns in these dayes do the like: no, I warrant ye, and yet they thinke well of themselves to.

Tarlton's jest with a boy in the street.

A wag halter boy met Tarlton in the street, and said, Master Tarlton who lives longest? Mary, boy, saies Tarlton, he that dies latest. And why dye men so fast? said the boy. Because they want breath, said Tarlton. No, rather, said the boy, because their time is come. Then thy time is come, said Tarlton; see who comes yonder. Who? said the boy. Mary, said Tarlton, Bull, the hangman, or one that would willingly be thy hangman. Nay, hang me then, if I imploy him at this time, said the boy. Well, said Tarlton, then thou wilt be hanged by thy owne confession: and so they parted.

¹ An eminent actor, thus mentioned with Tarlton in the very curious verses printed by Mr. Collier, in his Memoirs of Alleyn, p. 13:—

[&]quot;Tarlton himselfe thou doest excell, And Bentley beate, and conquer Knell."

A jest of Tarlton, proving mustard to have wit.

Tarlton keeping an ordinary in Paternoster row, and sitting with gentlemen to make them merry, would approve mustard standing before them to have wit. How so? saies one. It is like a witty scold, meeting another scold, knowing that scold will scold, begins to scold first: so, saies he, the mustard being lickt up, and knowing that you will bite it, begins to bite you first. He try that, saies a gull by; and the mustard so tickled him that his eyes watered. How now, saies Tarlton; does my jest savour? I, saies the gull, and bite too. If you had had better wit, saies Tarlton, you would have bit first: so then conclude with me that dumbe unfeeling mustard hath more wit than a talking unfeeling foole, as you are. Some were pleased, and some were not; but all Tarlton's care was taken for his resolution was ever, before he talkt any jest.

How Tarlton tooke tobacco at the first comming up of it.1

Tarlton, as other gentlemen used, at the first comming up of tobacco, did take it more for fashions sake then otherwise,² and being in a roome, set between two men overcome with wine, and they never seeing the like, wondred at it, and seeing the vapour come out of Tarlton's nose, cryed out, fire, fire, and threw a cup of wine in Tarlton's face. Make no more stirre, quoth Tarlton, the fire is quenched: if the sheriffes come, it will turne to a fine, as the custome is. And drinking that againe, fie, sayes the other, what a stinke it makes; I am almost poy-

¹ This story is generally told of Sir Walter Raleigh, who brought tobacco into this country.

² Cigars are often now used in a similar manner. The introduction of tobacco does not need a note, but it is worthy of remark that Shakespeare never once mentions the weed, an argument perhaps in favour of the early composition of his plays.

soned. If it offend, saies Tarlton, let's every one take a little of the smell, and so the savour will quickly goe: but tobacco whiffes made them leave him to pay all.

TARLTON'S PRETTY COUNTREY JESTS.

Tarlton's wit betweene a Bird and a Woodcock.

In the city of Glocester M. Bird ¹ of the chappell met with Tarlton, who, joyfull to regreet other, went to visit his friends: amongst the rest, M. Bird, of the queenes chappell, visited M. Woodcock of the colledge, when meeting, many friendly speeches past, amongst which, M. Woodcock challenged M. Bird of him, who mused that hee was of his affinity and hee never knew it. Yes, sayes M. Woodcock, every woodcock is a bird, therefore it must needs be so. Lord, sir, sayes Tarlton, you are wide,² for though every woodcock be a bird, yet every bird is not a woodcock. So Master Woodcock like a woodcock bit his lip, and mumbudget ³ was silent.

Tarlton's jest of a gridiron.4

While the queenes players lay in Worcester city to get money, it was his custome for to sing extempore of theames given him: amongst which they were appointed to play the next day: now one fellow of the city amongst the rest, that seemed quaint of conceit, to lead other youths with his fine wit, gave out that

- ¹ A well known musician of the time. See Warton's Hist. Engl. Poet., ed. 1840, iii., 64; and Archæologia, xxv., 103, 110.
 - ² Far from the mark.
- ³ A cant word, implying silence. It is Slender's watchword in the Merry Wives of Windsor, act v., sc. 5.
- ⁴ The verses in this tale are found in a MS. of the time of Charles I. in the British Museum, MS. Sloan. 1489, fol. 19, taken probably from the printed edition.



the next day hee would give him a theam, to put him to a nonplus. Divers of his friends acquainted with the same expected some rare conceit. Well, the next day came, and my gallant gave him his invention in two lines, which was this:—

> Me thinkes it is a thing unfit, To see a gridiron turne the spit.

The people laughed at this, thinking his wit knew no answere thereunto, which angered Tarlton exceedingly, and presently with a smile looking about, when they expected wonders, he put it off thus:—

Methinkes it is a thing unfit, To see an asse have any wit.

The people hooted for joy, to see the theame giver dasht, who, like a dog with his taile betweene his legs, left the place. But such commendations Tarlton got, that hee supt with the bailiffe that night, where my theamer durst not come, although he were sent for, so much he vexed at that unlookt for answer.

Tarlton's answer in defence of his flat nose.1

I remember I was once at a play in the country, where, as Tarlton's use was, the play being done, every one so pleased to throw up his theame: amongst all the rest, one was read to this effect, word by word:—

Tarlton, I am one of thy friends, and none of thy foes.

Then I prethee tell how cam'st by thy flat nose:

Had I beene present at that time on those banks,

I would have laid my short sword over his long shankes.

¹ This peculiarity in Tarlton's face is often alluded to, and his portraits generally mark it admirably. See the one in the Harl. MS. which has been engraved by Mr. Shaw.

Tarlton mad at this question, as it was his property sooner to take such a matter ill then well, very suddenly returned him this answere:—

Friend or foe, if thou wilt needs know,
Marke me well:
With parting dogs and bears, then, by the ears,
This chance fell:
But what of that?
Though my nose be flat,
My credit to save,
Yet very well, I can by the smell,
Scent an honest man from a knave.

Tarlton's jest of a Bristow man.

When the queenes players were restrained in summer, they travelled downe to S. James his faire at Bristow, where they were worthily entertained both of Londoners and those citti-It hapned that a wealthy citizen, called M. Sunbanke, one morning secretly married his maid; but not so secret but it was blowne abroad. That morning Tarlton and others walking in the faire to visit his familiar friends of London, and beeing in company of Bristow men, they did see M. Sunbanke comming, who had his property with his necke, not to stirre it any way but to turne body and all. It chanced at the faire end hee stood to against a wall: to whome Tarlton came, and clapping him on the shoulder, God give you joy of your marriage, saies he. M. Sunbanke, being taken against the wall, would have looked back to thank him, and suddenlyturnes about, body and all, in the view of many, and shewed all: which so abasht him that (ashamed) hee tooke into a taverne, protesting that he had rather have spent ten pound. Sure, said the vintner, the fault is in your necke, which will not turn without the bodies assistance, and not in M. Tarlton.

Call you him M. Tarlton? saies M. Sunbanke. Yea, sir, sayes the vintner, he is the queenes jester. He may be whose jester hee will bee, but this jest agrees not with me at this time, saies M. Sunbanke.

A jest broke of Tarlton by a country gentleman.

In the country where the queenes plaiers were accepted into a gentleman's house, the waggon unlading of the apparell, the wagoner comes to Tarlton, and doth desire him to speake to the steward for his horses. I will, saies he: and comming to the steward, Sir, saies Tarlton, where shall our horses spend the time! The gentleman looking at Tarlton at that question, suddenly answered, If it please you, or them, let them walke a turne or two, or there is a faire garden; let them play a game or two at bowles in the alley: and departs thence about his other businesse. Tarlton, commending the sudden wit of the steward, saith little. But my steward, not quiet, tels to the gentlewomen above how he had driven Tarlton to a non plus with a jest, whereat they all did laugh heartily: which a servingman loving Tarlton wel ran and told him as much. Tarlton, to adde fuell to the fire, and loth to rest thus put off with a jest, goes and gets two of the horses into the garden, and turnes them into the bowling alley, who with their heeles made havock, being the gentleman's only pastime. The ladies above from a window, seeing horses in the garden alley, call the knight, who cries out to Tarlton, Fellow, what meanest thou? Nothing, sir, sayes he, but two of my horses are at seven up for a peck of provender, a foolish match that I made. Now they being in play at bowles, run, run, your steward may come after and cry rub, rub; at which though they smiled, yet the steward had no thankes for his labour, to set the horses to such an exercise,

¹ This is an old story, which is found not unfrequently in French and English Jest-books.



and they could not blame Tarlton, who did but as he was bidden. But by this jest oates and hay, stable roome and all, was plenty.

How Tarlton made one of his company utterly forsweare drunkennesse.

At Salisbury, Tariton and his fellowes were to play before the major and his brethren: but one of his company, a young man, was so drunke that he could not: whereat Tarlton, as mad angry as he was mad drunk, claps me on his legs a huge paire of bolts. The fellow, dead asleepe, felt nothing. When all was done, they conveyed him to the jaile on a mans back, and intreated the jailer to doe God good service, and let him lye there till he waked. While they were about their sport the fellow waked, and, finding himselfe in durance, and the jaile hung round with bolts and shackles, he began to blesse himselfe, and thought sure in his drunkennesse hee had done some mischiefe. With that hee called to know, but none came to him: then hee thought verily his fault was capitall, and that hee was close prisoner. By and by comes the keeper, and moaned him that one so young should come to so shamefull a death as hanging. Anon another comes, and another with the like, which further put him in a puzzle. But at last comes Tarlton and others, intreating the keeper, yet if it might bee, that they might see their fellow ere they went. But hee very hardly was intreated. But at length the poore drunken Signior cald out for them. In they come. Oh, Tom, sayes Tarlton, hard was thy hap, in drunkennesse to murder this honest man, and our hard hap too, to have it reported any of our company is hang'd for it. O God, O God, saies the fellow, is my fault so great? then commend me to all my friends. Well, short tale to make, the fellow forswore drunkennesse, if hee could escape; and by as cunning a wile (to his thinking) they got him out of prison by an escape, and sent him to London before,

who was not a little glad to be gone. But see how this jest wrought: by little and little the fellow left his excessive drinking, and in time altered his desire of drunkennesse.

How Tarlton saved his head from cutting off.1

Tarlton upon a time being in the country, and lodging in an homely inne, during which time there was a gentleman dwelling in the same towne some what franticke and distraught of his wits: which mad man on a sudden rusht into Tarlton's bed-chamber with his sword drawne, and, finding him there in bed, would have slaine him, saying, Villaine, were it not valiantly done to strike off thy knave's head at one blow? Tarlton answered, Tut, sir, that's nothing with your worship to doe: you can as easily strike off two heads at one blow as one; wherefore, if you please, Ile goe downe and call up another, and so you may strike off both our heads at once. The madman believed him, and so let him slip away.

How Tarlton escaped imprisonment.

Tarlton having been domineering very late one night with two of his friends, and comming homewards along Cheapside, the watch being then set, M. Constable asked, Who goes there? Three merry men, quoth Tarlton. That is not sufficient. What are you? qd. M. Constable. Why, saies Tarlton, one of us is an eye-maker, and the other a light-maker. What saiest thou, knave, doest mocke mee? the one is an eye-maker, the other a light-maker, which two properties belong unto God only. Commit these blasphemers, quoth the constable. Nay, I pray you, good M. Constable, be good in your office. I will

¹ Aubrey, in his Nat. Hist. of Wilts, MS. in the library of the Royal Society, tells a somewhat similar anecdote of a stratagem that Sir Thomas More employed to get rid of a bedlam-beggar, through whom he was in danger of his life.

approve what I have said to be true, qd. Tarlton. If thou canst, saies the constable, you shall passe, otherwise you shall be all three punished. Why, qd. Tarlton, this fellow is an eymaker, because a spectacle-maker; and this other a maker of light, because a chandler, that makes your darkest night as light as your lanthorn. The constable seeing them so pleasant was well contented. The rest of the watchmen laughed, and Tarlton with his two companions went home quietly.

How Tarlton deceived a country wench.

The queens players travelling into the West Country to play, and lodging in a little village some ten miles from Bristow, in which village dwelt a pretty nut-browne lasse, to whome Tarlton made proffer of marriage, protested that he came from London purposely to marry her. The simple maid, being proud to bee beloved by such a one, whom she knew to be the queenes man, without more intreatic yeelded: and being both at the church together, and M. Parson ready to performe his duty, and comming to the words of I, Richard, take thee, Joane: nay, stay, good Master Parson, I will go and call my fellowes, and come to you again: so going out of the church in haste, he returned at leasure: for, having his horse ready saddled, he rode toward Bristow, and by the way told his fellowes of his successe with his wench.

How Tarlton went to kill crowes.

It chanced upon a time, as Tarlton went foorth with a birding peace into the fields to kill crowes, hee spied a daw sitting in a tree, at which he meant to shoot; but at the same instant there came one by, to whome hee spake in this manner: Sir, quoth he, yonder I see a daw, which I shoot at if she sit. If she sit, said the other, then she is a daw indeed. But, quoth

Tarlton, if shee sit not, what is she then? Marry, quoth the other, a daw, also: at which words she immediately flew away: whereupon Tarlton spake merrily a rime as followeth:—

Whether a daw sit, or whether a daw fly,
Whether a daw stand, or whether a daw lye,
Whether a daw creepe, or whether a daw cry,
In what case soever a daw persever,
A daw is a daw, and a daw shall be ever.

How a poore begger-man over-reached Tarlton by his wit.

As Tarlton upon a day sate at his owne doore, to him came a poore old man and begged a peny for the Lord's sake: whereupon Tarlton, having no single money about him, askt the begger what mony he had. No more mony, master, but one single peny. Tarlton, being merrily disposed, called for his peny, and, having received it, gave it to his boy to fetch a pot of ale: whereat the begger grew blanks, and began to gather up his wits how to get it againe. The pot of ale, for the begger's peny, being brought, he proffered to drinke to the begger. Nay, stay a while, master, quoth the begger. The use is, where I was borne, that hee that payes for the drink must drink first. Thou saist well, quoth Tarlton; goe to, drink to me, then. Whereupon the begger tooke the pot, saying, Here, Master, I drink to you, and therewithall dranke it off every drop. Now, master, if you will pledge me, send for it, as I have done. Tarlton, seeing himself so over-reacht, greatly commended the begger's wit, and withall, in recompence thereof, gave him a teaster.2 With that, the begger said that hee would most truly pray to God for him. No, answered Tarlton, I pray thee pray for thy selfe, for I take no usury for almes-deeds.

¹ Persevere. Persever is the old form, with the accent on the penult.

² Sixpence.

Of Tarlton's pleasant answer to a gallant by the high-way side.

It was Tarlton's occasion, another time, to ride into Suffolk, being furnished with a very leane, large horse; and by the way a lusty gallant met him, and in mockage asked him, what a yard of his horse was worth. Marry, sir, quoth Tarlton, I pray you alight, and lift up my horses taile, and they in that shop will tell you the price of a yard.

How Tarlton would have drowned his wife.

Upon a time, as Tarlton and his wife, as passengers, came sailing from Southampton, towards London, a mighty storme arose, and endangered the ship; whereupon, the captaine thereof charged every man to throw into the seas the heaviest thing hee could best spare, to the end to lighten some-what the ship. Tarlton, that had his wife there, offered to throw her overboord; but the company rescued her; and being asked wherefore he meant so to doe, he answered, She is the heaviest thing I have, and I can best spare her.

How Tarlton made his will and testament.

Of late there was a gentleman living in England, that wheresoever he dined, would of every dish convey a modicum thereof into his gowne sleeve; which gentleman being upon a time at dinner at a gentleman's house in the country, there he used his aforesaid quality in the company of Master Tarlton, who, perceiving it, said thus unto the company: My masters, I am now determined, before you all, to make my last will and testament: and first, I bequeath my soule to God, my Creator, and my body to be buried in the sleeve of yonder gentleman's gowne: and with that, stepping to him, he turned up the gowne

¹ This is an old jest, perhaps only fathered on Tarlton.

sleeve, whereout here dropt a bit, and there a bit, with choice of much other good cheere, still shaking it, saying, I meant this sleeve, gentlemen, this sleeve I meant.

How Tarlton called a gentleman knave by craft.

Within a while after, as the same gentleman and Tarlton passed thorow a field together, a crow in a tree cried kaw, kaw. See yonder, Tarlton, quoth the gentleman, yonder crow calleth thee knave. No, sir, he answered, he beckens to your worship as the better man.

Tarlton jest of a country wench.

Tarlton, going towards Hogsdon, met a country maid comming to market, her mare stumbling, downe shee fell over and over, shewing all; and then, rising up againe, she turned her round about unto Master Tarlton, and said: God's body, sir, did you ever see the like before? No, in good sooth, quoth Tarlton; never but once, in London.

How Tarlton deceived an inne-holder at Sandwich.

Upon a time, when the plaiers were put to silence, Tarlton and his boy frolickt so long in the countrey, that all their money was gone; and, beeing a great way from London, they knew not what to doe; but, as want is the whetstone of wit, Tarlton gathered his conceits together, and practised a trick to beare him up to London without money; and thus it was: unto an inne in Sandwich they went, and there lay for two daies at great charge, although he had no money to pay for the same: the third morning, he bade his man goe downe, and male-content himself before his host and his hostesse, and, mumbling, say to himself, Lord, Lord, what a scald master doe I serve! this it is to serve such seminary priests and

jesuites: 1 now, even as I am an honest boy, Ile leave him in the lurch, and shift for my selfe: heres ado about penance and mortification; as though, forsooth, Christ had not dyed enough for all. The boy mumbled out these his instructions, so dissembling, that it strooke a jealousy in the inne-holder's heart that, out of doubt, his master was a seminarie priest; whereupon, he presently sent for the constable, and told him all the foresaid matter, and so went up both together to attacke Tarlton in his chamber, who purposely had shut himself close in, and betaken him to his knees and to his crosses, to make the matter seeme more suspitious; which they espying through the keyhole, made no more adoe, but in they rushed, and arrested him for a seminarie priest, discharged his score, bore his and his boyes charges up to London, and there, in hope to have rich rewards, presented him to M. Fleetwood,2 the old recorder of London; but now marke the jest: when the recorder saw Tarlton, and knew him passing well, entertained him very courteously, and all to be fool the inne-holder and his mate, and sent them away with fleas in their eares. But when Tarlton sawe himselfe discharged out of their hands, he stood jesting and pointing at their folly, and so taught them by cunning more wit and thrift against another time.

Of Tarlton's wrongfull accusation.

Upon a time, Tarlton was wrongfully accused for getting of a gentleman's maid with child, and for the same brought before a justice in Kent, which justice said as followeth: It is a mervaile, M. Tarlton, that you, being a gentleman of good qualitie, and one of her majesties servants, would venture thus to get



¹ Seminary priests and jesuits were sent over by the catholics to spread sedition against Elizabeth's government, and were treated in consequence with great severity.

² See Hobson's Jests, 1607, reprint p. 40.

maides with childe. Nay, rather, quoth Tarlton, were it marvell, if a maid had gotten me with child.

Tarlton deceived by a country wench.

Tarlton travelling to play abroad, was in a towne where, in the inne, was a pretty maid, whose favour was placed in a corner of Tarlton's affection: and talking with her, shee appoynted to meet him at the bottom of a paire of staires. Night and the houre came, and the maid subtily sent downe her mistresse; whome Tarlton catching in his armes, Art come, wench? saies Out, alas, sayes the mistres, not knowing who it was. Tarlton, hearing it was the mistris, start aside, and the maid came downe with a candle, and she espyed a glimpse of Tarlton in the darke, who stept into another roome. How now, mistres! said the maid. Something, said shee, affrighted me; some man, sure, for I heard him speake. No, no, mistresse, said the maid; it is no man; it was a bull calf that I shut into a roome till John, our pounder, came to have pounded him for a stray. Had I thought that, saith she, I would have hit him such a knocke on his forehead that his horne should never have grac'd his coxcombe; and so she departs up againe, afraid. But how Tarlton tooke this jest, think you.1

How Tarlton could not abide a cat, and deceived himselfe.

In the country, Tarlton told his oastesse he was a conjuror. O, sir, sayes she, I had pewter stolne off my shelfe the other day; help me to it, and I will forgive you all the pots of ale you owe mee, which is sixteene dozen. Sayes Tarlton, To morrow morning the divell shall helpe you to it, or I will trounce him. Morning came, and the oastesse and he met in a roome by themselves. Tarlton, to passe the time with exer-

¹ I believe this story is much older than the time of Tarlton.

cise of his wit, with circles and tricks falls to conjure, having no more skill then a dogge. But see the jest, how contrarily it fell out: as he was calling out, mons, pons, simul, and sons, and such like, a cat, unexpected, leapt from the gutter window; which sight so amazed Tarlton, that he skipt thence and threw his hostesse downe, so that he departed with his fellowes, and left her hip out of joynt, being then in the surgeons hands, and not daring to tell how it came.

How Tarlton and his oastesse of Waltham met.

Tarlton, riding with divers cittizens, his friends, to make merry at Waltham, by the way he met with his castesse, riding toward London, whome hee of old acquaintance saluted. Shee demands whither they went. Tarlton told her, to make merry at Waltham. Sir, saies shee, then let me request your company at my house, at the Christopher, and, for old familiarity, spend your money there. Not unlesse you goe backe, saies Tarlton. We will else goe to the Hound. But she, loth to lose their custome, sent to London by her man, and goes back with them; who by the way had much mirth, for she was an exceeding merry honest woman, yet would take anything: which Tarlton hearing, as wise as he was, thinking her of his minde, he was deceived: yet he askt her if the biggest bed in her house were able to hold two of their bignesse; meaning himself and her. Yes, saies she, and tumble up and downe at pleasure. Yea, one upon another, saies Tarlton. And under, to, saies she. Well, to have their custome, she agreed to everything, like a subtill oastesse: and it fell so out that Tarlton, having her in a roome at her house, askt her which of those two beds were big enough for them two. This, said she: therefore, goe to bed, sweet-heart, Ile come to thee. Masse, saies Tarlton, were my bootes off, I would, indeed. you, sir, saies she, if you please. Yea, thought Tarlton, is the wind in that doore? Come on, then. And she very diligently

begins to pull, till one boot was half off. Now, saies she, this being hard to doe, let me try my cunning on the other, and so get off both. But, having both half off his legs, she left him alone in the shoemakers stocks, and got her to London, where Tarlton was three houres, and had no help. But, being eas'd of his paine, he made this ryme for a theame, singing of it all the way to London:—

Women are wanton, and hold it no sinne, By tricks and devices to pull a man in.

Tarlton's meeting with his countrey acquaintance at Ilford.

On a Sunday, Tarlton rode to Ilford, where his father kept;2 and, dining with them at his sisters, there came in divers of the countrey to see him, amongst whom was one plaine countrey plough-jogger, who said hee was of Tarlton's kin, and so called But Tarlton demanded of his father if it were so. him cousin. But he knew no such matter. Whereupon, saies Tarlton, whether he be of my kin or no, I will be cousin to him ere we part, if all the drinke in Ilford will doe it. So upon this they carouse freely, and the clowne was then in his cue, so that, in briefe, they were both in soundly. Night came, and Tarlton would not let his cousin goe, but they would lye together that night, meaning to drinke at their departure next morning. Tarlton would by wit leave him in the lash, since power would But see the jest. That night the plaine fellow so Tarlton in his bed, thinking he had been against the church wal, that he was faine to cry for a fresh shirt to shift him. So, when al was well, they must needs drinke at parting: where, indeed, to seale kindred soundly, the fellow had his loade; for, hearing that his cousin Tarlton was gone to London, Zounds,

¹ This is a very old story, and occurs frequently. It is also the subject of a ballad.

² Lived. The term is still in use at the Universities.

he would follow, that he would, none could hold him; and, meaning to goe towards London, his aime was so good, that he went towards Rumford to sell his hogs.

How a maid drove Tarlton to a non-plus.1

Tarlton's answere to a question.

One asked Tarlton why Munday was called Sundaies fellow? Because he is a sausie fellow, saies Tarlton, to compare with that holy day. But it may be Munday thinkes himselfe Sundayes fellow, because it followes Sunday, and is next after: but he comes a day after the faire for that. Nay, saies the fellow, but if two Sundayes fall together, Munday then may be the first, and it would shew well too. Yes, saies Tarlton, but if thy nose stood under thy mouth, it would shew better, and be more for thy profit. How for my profit, said the fellow? Marry, said Tarlton, never to be cold in winter, being so neere every dogs taile. The fellow seeing a foolish question had a foolish answere, laid his legges on his neck, and got him gone.

Tarlton's desire of enough for money.

Tarlton comming into a market towne bought oates for his horse, and desired enough for money: the man said, You shall, sir, and gave him two halfe pecks for one. Tarlton thought his horse should that night fare largely, and comes to him with this rime:—

Jack Nag, be brag, and lustic brave it, I have enough for mony, and thou shalt have it.

¹ This is a common jest, long before the time of Tarlton. It is found in some of the early French story-books. I have omitted this anecdote for the same reason that I have cancelled another at p. 7.

But when Jack Nag smelt to them they were so musty that he would none: God thanke you, master: which Tarlton seeing, runnes into the Market, and would slash and cut. But til the next market day the fellow was not to be found, and before then Tarlton must be gone.

How Tarlton's dogge lickt up six-pence.

Tarlton in his travaile had a dogge of fine qualities; amongst the rest, he would carry sixpence in the end of his tongue, of which he would brag often, and say, Never was the like. Yes, saies a lady, mine is more strange, for he will beare a French crowne in his mouth. No, saies Tarlton, I thinke not. Lend me a French crowne, saies the lady, and you shall see. Truly, madame, I have it not, but if your dog will carry a crackt English crowne here it is. But the lady perceived not the jest, but was desirous to see the dogs trick of sixpence. Tarlton threw down a teaster, and said, Bring, sirra, and by fortune the dog took up a counter, and let the money lie. A gentlewoman by, seeing that, askt him how long he would hold it? An houre, saies Tarlton. That is pretty, said the gentlewoman, let's see that. Meane time she tooke up the sixe-pence, and willed him to let them see the money againe; when he did see it it was a counter, and he made this rime:-

> Alas, alas, how came all this to passe? The world's worse than it was; For silver turns to brasse.

I, sayes the lady, and the dog bath made his master an asse. But Tarlton would never trust to his dogs tricks more.

Tarlton's jest of a horse and man.

In the city of Norwich, Tarlton was on a time invited to an hunting, where there was a goodly gentlewoman, that bravely

mounted on a blacke horse, rode exceeding well, to the wonder of all the beholders; and neither hedge nor ditch stood in her way, but Pegasus, her horse, for so may we tearme him for swiftnesse, flew over all, and she sate him as well. When every one returned home, some at supper commended his hound, others his hawke, and shee above all, her horse. And, said she, I love no living creature so well, at this instant, as my gallant horse. Yes, lady, a man better, saies Tarlton. Indeed no, said shee, not now; for since my last husband dyed I hate them most, unlesse you can give me medicines to make me love them. Tarlton made this jest instantly:—

Why, a horse mingeth whay, madam, a man mingeth amber, A horse is for your way, madam, but a man for your chamber.

God a mercy, Tarlton, said the men: which the gentlewoman noting, seeing they tooke exceptions at her words, to make all well, answered thus:—

That a horse is my chiefe opinion now, I deny not,

And when a man doth me more good in my chamber I him
defie not.

But till then give me leave to love something. Then something will please you, said Tarlton, I am glad of that, therefore I pray God send you a good thing or none at all.

Tarlton's talke with a pretty woman.

Gentlewoman, said Tarlton, and the rest as you sit, I can tell you strange things: now many gallants at supper noted one woman, who being little and pretty, to unfit her prettinesse had a great wide mouth, which she seeming to hide, would pinch in her speeches, and speake small, but was desirous to heare newes. Tarlton told at his comming from London to Norwich, a proclamation was made that every man should have two wives.

Now Jesus, qd. she, is it possible? I's gentlewoman, and otherwise able too, for contrarily women have a larger preeminence, for every woman must have three husbands. Now Jawsus, said the gentlewoman, and with wonder shewes the full widenesse of her mouth, which all the table smil'd at; which she perceiving, would answere no more. Now mistris, said Tarlton, your mouth is lesse than ever it was, for now it is able to say nothing. Thou art a cogging knave, said she. Masse, and that is something, yet, said Tarlton, your mouth shall be as wide as ever it was for that jest.

A jest of Tarlton to a great man.

There was a great huge man, three yards in the wast, at S. Edmondsbury, in Suffolk, that died but of late daies, one M. Blague, by name, and a good kinde justice, too, carefull for the poore: this justice met with Tarlton in Norwich; Tarlton, said he, give me thy hand. But you, sir, being richer, may give me a greater gift, give me your body, and embracing him, could not halfe compasse him. Being merry in talke, said the justice, Tarlton, tell me one thing, what is the difference betwixt a flea and a louse? Marry, sir, said Tarlton, as much and like difference as twixt you and me: I, like a flea, see else, can skip nimbly, but you, like a fat louse, creepe slowly, and you can go no faster, though butchers are over you, ready to knock you on the head. Thou art a knave, quoth the justice. I, sir, I knew that, ere I came hither, else I had not been here now, for ever one knave, making a stop, seekes out another. The justice, understanding him, laughed heartily.

Tarlton's jest to a maid in the dark.

Tarlton going in the darke, groping out his way, heares the tread of some one to meet him. Who goes there, saies he, a

¹ It is almost unnecessary to observe that I here is the affirmative Ay.

man or a monster? Said the maid, a monster. Said Tarlton, a candle hoe; and seeing who it was, Indeed, said he, a monster, I'le be sworne, for thy teeth are longer than thy beard. O, sir, said the maid, speake no more then you see, for women goe invisible now adayes.

Tarlton's jest to a dogge.

Tarlton and his fellowes, being in the Bishop of Worcester's sellar, and being largely laid to, Tarlton had his rouse, and going through the streets, a dogge, in the middle of the street, asleep on a dunghill, seeing Tarlton reele on him, on the sodaine barkt. How now, dog, saies Tarlton, are you in your humours? and many daies after it was a by-word to a man being drunke, that he was in his humours.¹

¹ See an apposite quotation by Steevens, from "Humor's Ordinarie," 1607, in Malone's Shakespeare, ed. 1821, vol. viii., p. 65.

FINIS.

TARLTON'S NEWS OUT OF PURGATORY.

Tarltons Newes out of Purgatorie. Onelye such a jest as his Jigge, fit for Gentlemen to laugh at an houre, &c. Published by an old companion of his, Robin Goodfellow. 4to.

Without date, but "printed for Edward White," in or before 1590; for in that year appeared an answer to it, under the title of "The Cobler of Caunterbury," which the reader will find more particularly noticed in the Introduction to this work. Another edition was published in 1630, which is merely a reprint, with some unimportant variations, and a few blunders, a whole line being omitted in the address to the "gentlemen readers." This tract was entered at Stationers' Hall on June 26th, 1590, under the following title: "Tarltons newes out of Purgatorye, or a caskett full of pleasaunt conceiptes, stuffed with delightfull devise and quaint myrthe, as his humour maye afoorde, to feede gentlemens fancies."

TO THE GENTLEMEN READERS, HEALTH.

Gentlemen, the horse when hee is firste handled to the warres, starteth at the crack of every peece; and every coucht launce is a censure of death to a freshe water souldier. So fareth it with mee; for, never before beeing in print, I start at the sight of the presse, and having not dared to look into the open light, I feared with the owle to flye before it be twy-light: yet I have heard others, whose bookes have past your viewe, account you so favourable, curteous, and affable, shrouding every scape with silence, that I presumed the rather to experience with them the hope of your favours; which, if I finde, as they have doon, though I be blinde Bayard, yet I will in the thickest of the mire plunge up to the saddle for your sakes. Virgill, after he wrot his Aeneidos wrote his Culex, and assaied in trifles before he attempted in triumphes. Lucan wrot quardam lirica, before he began with Bella per Emathics plus-

- ¹ A piece of negligence.
- ² Bayard was originally the name for a bay horse, but usually applied to a horse in general. The proverb of "blind Bayard," here alluded to, is the very reverse of the maxim "look before you leap." So Chaucer:—

"Ye ben as bold as is Bayard the blind,

That blondereth forth, and peril casteth non."

Cant. T., 16881.

- ³ That is, the *Æneis*. This was a common mistake in early writers. The *Culex* is printed in *Virgilii Appendix*, cum Jos. Scaligeri commentt. et castigationibus, 8vo. Lugd., 1573, and elsewhere.
- ⁴ The early edition reads "bellum," which is corrected to "bella" in the impression of 1630. "Quædam lirica" is the same in both copies. The *Pharsalia* had not at this time been translated into English.

quam civilia campos: Roome was not builded on a day, and men that venture little hazard little. So, gentlemen, I present you with a toy of Tarltons, called his Newes out of Purgatory, which I desire you to accept as curteously as I offer willing to please: though they be crepundia, yet reade them, and if you finde any pleasant facetiæ or quicquid salis, thinke all savorye, and so pleasde without being satirically peremptorye; for Momus will have a mouth full of invectives, and Zoilus should not be Zoilus, if hee were not squint eyde. Therefore leaving

their humours to the wordmongers
of malice, that like the vipers,
grew odious to their own
kinde, hoping of your
curteous censure?
I bid you
farewell.

¹ "Builded" for "built" is not uncommon, and the same proverb occurs in *The French Alphabet*, 12mo., Lond, 1615, p. 18.

² Opinion. This use of the word is very frequent. See Nares in v.

TARLTONS

NEWES OUT OF PURGATORY.

Sorrowing, as most men doo, for the death of Richard Tarlton, in that his particular losse was a generall lament to all that coveted either to satisfie their eies with his clownish gesture, or their ears with his witty jestes. The woonted desire to see plaies left me in that although I saw as rare showes, and heard as lofty verse, yet I injoyed not those wonted sports that flowed from him, as from a fountaine of pleasing and merry conceits. For although he was only superficially seene in learning, having no more but a bare insight into the Latin tung, yet he had such a prompt wit, that he seemed to have that salem ingenij, which Tullie so highly commends in his Oratorie.1 Well, howsoever, either naturall or artificiall, or both, he was a mad merry companion, desired and loved of all, amongst the rest of whose wel wishers myselfe, being not the least, after his death I mourned in conceite, and absented myselfe from all plaies, as wanting that merrye Roscius of plaiers, that famosed 2 all comedies so with his pleasant and extemporall invention; yet at last, as the longest sommers day hath his night, so

¹ Lib. i., c. 25.

² Made celebrated.

this dumpe had an end: and forsooth upon Whitson monday last I would needs to the Theatre 1 to a play, where when I came, I founde such concourse of unrulye people,* that I thought it better solitary to walk in the fields, then to intermeddle myselfe amongst such a great presse. Feeding mine humour with this fancie I stept by dame Anne of Cleeres well, and went by the backside of Hogsdon, where, finding the sun to be hotte, and seeing a faire tree that had a coole shade, I sat me downe to take the aire, where after I had rested me a while, I fell asleepe. As thus I lay in a slumber, me thought I sawe one attired in russet, with a buttond cap on his head, a great bag by his side, and a strong bat in his hand, so artificially attired for a clowne as I began to call Tarltons woonted shape * to remembrance, as he drew more neere and he came within the compasse of mine eie, to judge it was no other but the verye ghoast of Richard Tarlton, which pale and wan, sat him down by me on the grasse. I that knew him to be dead, at this sodaine sight fell into a great feare, in somuch that I sweat in my sleep; which he perceiving, with his woonted countenance full of smiles, began to comfort me thus: What, olde acquaintance, a man or a mouse? Hast thou not heard me verefie, that a souldier is a souldier if he have but a blew hose on his head?

¹ A playhouse so called, situated in Shoreditch. See Collier's *Hist. Dram. Poet.*, vol. iii., p. 263; and Northbroke's *Treatise*, repr., p. 85. In Nash's *Pierce Penilesse*, p. 44, Tarlton is mentioned as playing there.

² "And lette Tarleton intreate the young people of the cittie either to abstaine altogether from playes, or, at their comming thither to use themselves after a more quiet order. In a place so civill as this cittie is esteemed, it is more than barbarously rude to see the shamefull disorder and routes that sometime in such publike meetings are used."—Kind-Harts Dreame, 1592.

³ This very nearly agrees with the description given by Chettle:—"the next, by his sute of russet, his buttond cap, his taber, his standing on the toe, and other tricks, I knew to be either the body or resemblaunce of Tarlton, who living, for his pleasant conceits was of all men liked, and dying, for mirth left not his like."—*Kind-Harts Dreame*, 1592.

feare not me, man, I am but Dick Tarlton, that could quaint it in the court, and clowne it on the stage; that had a quarte of wine for my freend, and a swoord for my foe, who hurt none being alive, and will not prejudice any being dead: for although thou see me heere in likenes of a spirite, yet thinke me to bee one of those Familiares Lares that were rather pleasantly disposed then endued with any hurtfull influence, as Hob Thrust, Robin Goodfellow 1 and such like spirites, as they tearme them of the buttry, famozed in every olde wives chronicle for their mad merrye prankes. Therefore sith my appearance to thee is in a resemblance of a spirite, think that I am as pleasant a goblin as the rest, and will make thee as merry before I part, as ever Robin Goodfellow made the cuntry wenches at their Creamboules. With this he drewe more neere me, and I, starting backe, cried out: - In nomine Jesu, avoid Sathan, for ghost thou art none, but a very divell, for the soules of them which are departed, if the sacred principles of theologie be true, never returne into the world againe till the generall resurrection, for either are they plast? in heaven, from whence they come not to intangle themselues with other cares, but sit continually ebefore the seat of the Lambe, singing Alleluia's to the highest; or else they are in hell. And this is a profound and certain aphorisme, Ab inferis nulla est redemptio. Upon these conclusive premises, depart from me, Sathan, the resemblance of whomsoever thou doost carrye. At this, pitching his staffe downe on the end, and crossing one leg over another, he answered thus: --- why you horson dunce, think you to set Dick Tarlton non plus with your aphorismes? no, I have yet left one chapter

^{1 &}quot;If he be no Hob-thrust nor no Robin Goodfellow, I could finde with all my heart to sip up a sillybub with him."—The Two Lancashire Lovers, 1640, p. 222. I need only refer to A Midsummer Night's Dream, and the notes of the commentators upon that play. The passage in the text has been often quoted.

² Placed.

³ Revelation, c. xix.

of choplodgick 1 to tewslite 2 you withall, that were you as good as George à Greene 3 I would not take the foile at your hands, and that is this, I perceive by your arguments your inward opinion, and by your wise discretion what pottage you love: I see no sooner a rispe 4 at the house end or a maipole 5 before the doore, but I cry there is a paltry alehouse: and as soon as I heare the principles of your religion, I can saye, Oh, there is a Calvinist; what doo you make heaven and hell contraria immediata - so contrarie, that there is no meane betwixt them, but that either a mans soule must in post haste goe presently to God, or else with a whirlewind and a vengeance goe to the divell! yes, yes, my good brother, there is quoddam tertium, a third place that all our great grandmothers have talkt of, that Dant hath so learnedlye writ of, and that is purgatorie. What, sir, are we wiser then all our forefathers! and they not onlye feared that place in life, but found it after their death: or els was there much land and annuall pensions given in vaine to morrowe-masse priests for dirges, trentals and such like decretals of devotion, whereby the soules in purgatorie were the sooner advanced into the quiet estate of heaven? Nay, more, how many popes and holy bishops of Rome whose cannons cannot erre, have taught us what this purgatory is: and yet if thou wert so incredulous that thou wouldest neither beleeve our olde beldames, nor the good Bishops: yet take Dick

^{1 &}quot;Will you chop with me? voulez vous troquer avec moi? or thus, in a burlesk sense, as to chop logick with one, disputer avec quécun."—Miege.

² To perplex.

³ An allusion to the old play of "George a Greene, the Pinner of Wakefield," 1599, ascribed by some to Robert Greene; or the old prose history upon which that play is founded. Of the latter there is an early copy in MS. in the library of Sion College, which has escaped the notice of the editors of these two pieces.

⁴ A branch.

⁵ The ale-stake, frequently explained a may-pole in the old glossaries.

Tarlton once for thine authour, who is now come from purgatory, and if any upstart Protestant deny, if thou hast no place of Scripture ready to confirme it, say as Pithagoras schollers did (ipse dixit) and to all bon companions it shall stand for a principle. I could not but smile at the madde merrye doctrine of my freend Richard, and therefore taking hart at grasse, drawing more neere him, I praied him to tell me what Purgatory is, and what they be that are resident there; as one willing to doo me such a favour, he sat him downe, and began thus:—

¹ That is, being resolute. The phrase is still used in Warwickshire, as I find from a MS. list of provincial words kindly sent me by Mr. W. Reader.

TARLTON'S DESCRIPTION OF PURGATORY.

After thy breath hath left thy bodye, and thy soule is set free from this vile prison of earth, where it hath been long inclosed, then doth it wander forward into a faire broade waye, where at the turning of a crosse there are three passages, one on the right hand, and that is verye narrowe and leadeth unto heaven. The second, on the left hand, is broard and faire, over a green vale, and that conducteth unto hell: now betwixt these is there a lane neither too broard nor too narrow, and that is the high way to Purgatory, wherin after you have wandred a while, you come to a bridge framed all of needle pointes, and over that must you passe barefooted, as the first penance for your Then, sir, to have a little ease after that formost offences. sharpe absolution, shall you come into a faire medowe, and that is all over growne with Ave maries and Creedes, this is to put you in remembrance of our Ladies Psalter, which if you can say a hundreth and fiftie times over before you passe the medow, you escape passing over a whole field of hot burning plough shares, that day and night lye glowing hotte for such purposes. After these and many moe 1 of other miseries, which I am by the law forbidden to utter, you come to purgatory gate, where, for an entring penny, you have fortie lashes with a whip as ill as ever where given in Bridewell; then are you admitted entrance. At the first you shall come into a very sumptuous hall richly hanged with tapistrie, so fine and so curious, that the most cuthroate broaker in England would take the woorst of the hangings for a sufficient pawne. In this hall shal you see an infinite number of seates, formed and seated like an amphitheater, wherin are royally, nay more then roally, placed all the Popes, except the first thirtie after Christ, and they went

¹ More.



presently to heaven: and the reason was, because Purgatorie was then but a-building, and not fully finished. In those seates, I say, the Popes sit triumphantly with their pontificalibus, and their triple crowns, but yet abiding paines of purgatorie as well as the meanest in all the house, equally proportioned according to the measure of their sinnes; some for false wresting the Scriptures, others for ambition, some for covetousness, gluttonie, extortion, symonye, wrath, pride, envie, many for sloth, and idlenesse, and some I can tell you have come thither for wenching matters; that's counted in Rome but a veniall sinne, and therfore three dirges and two tapers offered to the picture of olde Pasquille, is sufficient to wipe away so small an offence. But amongst all the rest, two of them made me to marvell at the strangenes of the punishment. The first was Boniface the fourth, and he sat in this order:—

He was richly attired in his pontificalibus, and somewhat more rich then the rest, but upon his head, instead of his triple crowne he wore a dustie miller's cap, and whereas other Popes held in their right hand the keyes of heaven, and in the left the swoord of Paule, he helde betweene both his hands a durty maulkin, such as bakers sweepe their ovens withall, and right over his head was written this olde adage in Latin,

Ne sutor ultra crepidam.

And because thou shalt know the reason why he was thus punished, marke this merry tale:

THE TALE OF POPE BONIFACE, AND WHY HE WORE A MILLERS CAP AND A MALKIN IN PURGATORIE.¹

There dwelled sometime in the citie of Rome a baker, named Astatio, who for his honest behaviour was well accounted

¹ This tale is only another version of the old story of King John and the abbot of Canterbury: it was a popular subject, which occurs under various forms. See Sir F. Madden's Gesta Romanorum, p. 508.

of amongst his neighbours, insomuch that what size soever his bread was baked after, his loaves never past the ballance. Astatio had sundrye prentises and journeymen to doo his businesse, for he was cheefe baker to the Pope's holinesse: amongst whome there was one called Myles, who was a strong lusty lubber, and one that was as ripe conceipted for knaverye, as the miller that ground their meale, for theevery, and had as many good conditions as his mistresse had points of chastitie, and she was thought a vertuous matron; for a cardinall lay in her house to instruct her with holy sentences, and where such blessed men lye, there can be no lecherie. Well, Myles was a mad wagge, and when he had doone his businesse, to exercise his wits, would divers times resorte to some one or other of the cloister of nuns, amongst these merry wenches, to put in practise the excellencye of his prattle; he so behaved himselfe, that if higher fortune had not fallen him, the nuns of Santa Maria had intreated their abbesse to have made him their factorum; but to his greater dignitie thus it fell out. It chaunced that Pope Pius fell sicke, and for that he knew cardinals were ambitious, and would flie with Icarus whatsoever befall, to avoide all mutinies that might insue after his death about the succession of the papacie, he called his cardinals together, and charged them to elect none Pope but he that could absolve these three questions:-

- 1. What kinds of men those be that God never made?
- 2. What creatures those be, that in sight, are carnations, in smell, roses, in hearing, syrens, in touch, nettles, and in taste, wormewood?
- 3. And what occupations take more paines about God then the pope?

Upon these the cardinals were agreede, and went home to their severall lodging, leaving Pius well contented with their mutuall consent, and resolved to dye, sith he had so well determined

¹ Esteemed.

of the succession of the papacy: to be breefe, as every dog hath his day, so the pope had his date, for the nexte morning he died. And upon this there was a generall mourning through all Rome; the cardinals wept, the abbots howled, the monks rored, the fryers cryed, the nuns puled, the curtizans lamented, the bels rang, and the tapers were lighted, that such a blacke sanctus was not seene a long time afore in Rome. Well, to be shorte, his funerals were solemnely kept, and his bodye carryed from Castle Angelo to St Peter's church, and there intombed.

After his death everye one of the cardinals aspiring to the papacie, pondred in his braine the meaning of these questions, but they were not so good schollers that they could either devide, define, or distinguish upon them, especiallye Cardinall Montecelso, that laye at the baker's house, who long while had these questions hammering in his head, but to small purpose, for the more he sought the farther off he was, which greeved him ful sore; for the day was come wherein they must give up their verdict, and the synode of the cardinals appointed to meet. Cardinall Montecelso ashamed to go because he was so monstrous a dunce, knowing that Myles the baker's man was a fellowe of a prompt witte, and withall so like the cardinall, as no man coulde discerne the one from the other, brought it so to passe, that he perswaded Myles to goe and heare the questions, and to sit in his roabes amongst the rest of the cardinals, promising, if hee woon the victory by his witte, hee would, when he were pope, so labour that he would make him a cardinall. Myles that was ever malepert, and more saucy then honest, undertooke the matter, and bluntlye over his bakers mealy cassock, for haste, put on the cardinal's habit, and went very solemnly to St. Peter's Church, where the rest of the holy brotherhood sate, taking his place amongst them as Montecelso had directed him.

¹ "O," in the first edition, but the mistake is corrected in the impression of 1630.



When thus they were all gathered togither, the eldest of the fraternitie laide open unto them that nowe, by the death of Pius, the papacye stood sede vacante: yet, by the good direction of his holynes in his life time, to avoid further controversie in the Church, hee had left a meane to know who should be next succesour in the sea; and thereupon he propounded three questions, which began at the eldest and so gradatim went downeward. Sundrye men gave sundry verdicts: at last it came to Cardinall Montecelso, who was yongest, to yeelde his reason, which if it were not probable and plausible, the synode must devise some other meanes to know the successor; for the questions were so darke, that amongst the rest they were as inscrutable aenigmaes. Well, to Myles at last came the matter to be made manifest, who very demurely, in his scarlet roabes and his grave bonnet, began thus: My lords and fellowe brethren in this dignity, nowe is the text fulfilled: the last shall bee first and the first shall be last: for I that am yongest in yeeres am like to be eldest in judgement; and, being last in degree, am like to be first in dignity. Therefore, you foolish dunces, thus to absolve these three questions:-

What kinds of men be those that God never made.

I tell you they be popes, cardinals, abbots, monks, and priests; for none of all these did God ever make, and thus I prove it: The Creator, both according to the principles of philosophie and theology, is greater then the creature; and it is impossible that the Maker should bee formed or fashioned by the thing made, as a pot to make a potter: is it not, then, as repugnant to reason that God should make a priest, when the preest every daye in his masse maketh God? and so is he the creator, and God the creature: therefore, brethren, the preest is the man God never made; because we ourselves knowe that the preest is God's maker. To this they all applauded, and said, he had spoken as much as Pius meant. Now, quoth he, to the second question,

What creatures those be, that in sight are carnations, in smell, roses, in hearing, syrens, in touching, nettles, and in taste, wormewood.

Thus I answere: they be, my maisters, quoth he, these kinde of cattell that we covet so much to keepe, and these be women: for he that sees a gallant wench, which wee Italians terme Bona Roba,1 with a faire face florisht over with a vermilion blush, shee seemes to his eye as beautifull as a carnation; and her breath that is as sweete and odoriferous as a rose; he that listens to her woords shal finde them as pleasant and melodious as the syren, and as full of flattery as Cyrces: so that he that will avoide three wyles, must, with Ulisses, tye himselfe to the mast, or else venture on three dangerous shelves: in touching, they be nettles, for they sting to the quick: and in taste, whosoever tries them shall finde them as bitter in the end as wormewood. When Miles had discourst this, they thought Sphinx himselfe could not have yeelded a better reason; and therfore our gentleman baker went on to the third thus boldly: and now, maisters, quoth he, to the last.

What occupations take more paines about God then the Pope.

Marry, quoth Miles, there be three: the ploughman, the miller, and the baker; and thus I prove it: The ploughman, he takes paines to dresse his feeld, to sow his corne, and in harvest with toyle to reape, in winter to thresh it out with the sweat of his browes. Then it is conveyed from him to the miller, and he bestirs himselfe to set his stones in frame to grinde it: next it is transported to the baker, and he boults it and siftes the bran from the flower, and with great paines makes it into a fine cake, and bakes it: last, it is brought to the pope, and he, when he is at masse, saies but *Hoc est corpus meum*, and it is God; he spends but a little fewe wast woords about it; wheras the other three labour long ere they bring it to per-



¹ A courtesan. See Nares, in v.

fection: therefore, these three take more paines about God then the pope. One of the old cardinals hearing this, wondring at his wit, began to repeate over the names of the ploughswaine, the miller, and the baker. Myles, hearing him name the baker, took straight pepper in the nose, and, starting up, threw of his cardinal's roabes, standing in his dustye cassocke, swore I by cockesbread, the baker; and he that saies to the contrary, heere stand I, Myles, the baker's man, to have the proudest cardinall of you all by the eares.

The cardinals all this while thinking it had been Montecelso, and now seeing it was Myles, the bakers man, to sooth up the matter and cloak their own ignorances, made him pope, and called him, insteade of Myles, Boniface; where hee soone forgat, being a preest, that ever he was a clarke: in so much that on a day passing to Saint Peter's Church, his maister Astatio met him, and, amongst the rest, did his holynesse great reverence; but Myles, now that was pope, could not looke so low as a poor baker; which his maister espying, as he came by, said, that the pope might heare: Non fuit sic a principio: no knave, quoth he; but thou shalt heare song anon, Sic erit in secula seculorum. Amen. Thus went the baker's man in solemne procession to S. Peter's Church, and there, after his instalement, hard masse, and so departed home to Castle Angelo. And for that he was advanst from a baker's trough to the papacie, and after grew so proud and insolent that he would not know his old maister, he sits in a miller's dustye cappe, and a baker's malking, to signifie the former pride of his life.

Next him sat Hildebrand, and he held a red hering in his hand, because he made Lent: and one pope sat with a smock sleeve about his necke, and that was he that made the imbering weekes, in honor of his faire and beautifull curtizan Imbra.

A little beyond sat Alexander, who was forst to make cleane rustie armor, that, like Sisiphus stone, had no end; for, as fast

¹ Was affronted.

as he scowred, the cancker stil fretted that he did, In Caucasum saxum volvere: and this was because he was a better souldier then a scholler. Hard by him was Julius, that upon the bridge threw S. Peter's keyes into Tiber, and took him to the sword of Paul; infinit other sundry offences: but such a multitude were plagued for wenching, that of them all there was not one scapt free for that fault, but Urbane the Second, that was instalde pope in the morning and was poysoned before dinner; and yet they question whether, if he had lived that night, his lemon and he had not bidden pennance in purgatorye for their sinnes.

Thus, when I sawe all these stately fellowes, as I was redy to go out of the hal, I spied sitting in a corner a bare faced youth, well featured, of a lively countenance, and a sweete looke, in Pope's attire; but on her head, instead of a myter, shee had a kercher, and in her hand a distaffe. I thought it had been Hercules, that was found playing the wanton so with Omphale, or Sardanapalus amongst his curtizans. But at last I spied it was a pope, or had been a pope; but whether man or woman, or what it was, I could not tell, till I spied written over his head in great caracters this stile:—

Papa, Pater, Parens Patriæ, Prope Portas Petri, Pauli, Parvum Peperit Puerum.

Then I perceived it was Pope Joane, that honest woman, that as she went a procession through the Lataran was brought to bed in the streets. I smilde at her attire, and left her to her punishment. Passing from thence, I went into a lower roome, and there were all kings and princes, and men of name, which, for that I might slander their royall tytles, I omit with silence. But thus they were all punished according to their offences, no more spared for their wealth then the poore for their povertye; unlesse they dyed highly in the popes favour; and perhaps there was some indulgence to mittigate their punishment. I left

¹ Ovidii Ibis, 177.

them, and anon I came into a baser roome, all full of monkes and friars. What sinnes I saw there figured forth as I am ashamed to rehearse: onely Friar Onyon, the holy confessour of Florence, hee sate there naked, all annointed with hony, and miserably tormented with waspes. The cause of his punishment I learned to be this:—

THE TALE OF FRIAR ONYON: WHY IN PURGATORY HE WAS TORMENTED WITH WASPES.¹

There dwelled a widdowe in Florence, of good parentage and large possession, more beautifull then she was wealthy, and yet she was the richest widow in al Florence. Her name was Lisetta: the onelye faulte that was found in hir was, that her beautye was more then her wit, and that such a selfe love of her excellencye had made her overweene herselfe, that she thought none fit to bee her husband in all Florence. Thus, though she were looked at for her outward perfection, yet was she laughed at for her inward follyes. Wel, howsoever others censured of her, she thought her pennye better silver then the rest, and would so strive to excell other gentlewomen in the nicenesse of gesture, that ofttimes she marde all, in so much that her coy quaintnesse was a by-woord in the citie. Every weeke, forsooth, because shee would seeme as vertuous as shee was faire, she devoutly went to Friar Onion, to be confessed of her sins. The preest, who was a lustye lubber, and a tall swaine, and nurst up lust with idlenesse, began to looke upon

¹ I do not recollect meeting with this story in any other writer under exactly the same form as here, but it is most probably taken from some Italian or French Collection. The name of Friar Onion is evidently taken from the tale in Boccaccio, Giorn. vi., nov. 10. The present tale is in substance the same story as the intrigue between Nectanebo and the mother of Alexander, in the old romance, and which is reproduced under a variety of forms in other medieval tales. It is also found in the Persian tales of M. Petis de la Croix, 1809, i., 330.

her more narrowly, and to take a particular view of her perfections; with that, entring with a pearcing insight into her selfelove, thought that shee might quicklye bee overreacht in her owne conceiptes; for he thought that, if the wisest woman were wonne with faire praises and large promises, it were more easie to intrap her with the discourse of her excellencye. Therefore, he laid his plot thus: the next time Lisetta came to shrift, after she had made her confession, and had received absolution for her sinnes, Frier Onyon, looking earnestlye upon her, fetcht a far sigh, and saide: Ah, madam, if you knew as much as I know, as you are the fairest, you would thinke your selfe the happiest of all women that are alive. And why, sir, I pray you! quoth Lisetta. Ah, said Friar Onyon, it is such a secret as may not be revealed; for if I should disclose it to you, and you by any means make it manifest, there were no way with me but a most miserable death. Lisetta, as all women be desirous of novelty, was so greedy to heare what good was toward hir, that she made a thousand protestations, and uttered a thousand oathes, never to bewray what her ghostlye father should tell her in secret. Then, madam, quoth Friar Onyon, with a grave and a demure countenance, know your beauty is so excellent, and your perfection so far beyond the common course of all other women, that not only all men that see you admire you as a miracle, but the verye angels in heaven are enamored of your proportion. The angels, quoth she, is that possible? The angels, madam; and not the meanest, but the most beautifull of all the rest; for the Angell Gabriel is so far in love with you, that the other night he appeared unto me, and charged me to do his earnest commendations unto you, with promise that, if he might be assured of your secrecye, hee would at convenient times visit you, and intertaine you with such love as befitteth such holy spirits.

This tale so set a-fire Lysetta, that she not onely thanked Friar Onyon for his commendations, but counted herselfe the most fortunate of all women that shee was beloved of so blessed a saint; and, therfore, when and where it pleased him, he should be intertayned with an honourable secrecye, as a poore dame of her calling might affoord. Friar Onyon, seeing the geere would woorke, prosecuted his purpose then subtilly. He presently fell downe on his knees before her, and desired that, for such happye newes as he had brought, she would grant him a boone. Lysetta, liberall now to perfourme any demaund, bad him aske.

Then he began thus: Madam, quoth he, for that the Angell Gabriell is a spirite, and his brightnesse such as no mortall eye can suffer, and therefore must come unto you into some humane shape, I pray you vouchsafe that my bodie may be the receptacle for him, that, while he putteth on my carkasse, my soule may enjoy the sight and pleasures of paradice; so shall you not hinder yourselfe, and doo me an unspeakeable benefite. Lysetta, seeing Friar Onyon was a lustye tall fellowe, willing in what she might to pleasure him, graunted his request verye willinglye: whereupon it was concluded that she should leave the doore open, and about midnight the Angel Gabriell should come to visit her. Upon this resolution home went Lysetta, as merry as a pye, tricking up her bed-chamber with all braverie and rich perfumes for the intertainment of her paramour; and Friar Onyon, as busic as a bee, was making his winges and trinkets readye to playe the angell. Well, he delt so, that he agreed with an old pandor that dwelt opposite to the house, and there made himselfe readye, and at the houre appoynted went to Lisetta; where he found the doore open, and so entred up till hee came to her bedchamber, where shee sat expecting his comming. Assoone as shee sawe him with his glorious winges and his white roabes, she rose, and fell at his feet; but he lovinglye tooke her up, imbrast her, kist her, and pointed to the bed, whether the angell went after he had laid apart his abiliments, and Lisetta followed with as much speed as might be; cætera quis nescit? Early before breake of day, Gabriell tooke his leave of his Lisetta, and went to his lodging,

leaving her the proudest woman in the world, that shee was beloved of an angell.

Friar Onyon hee got him to his cell, and there tooke uppe his broken sleepe hee had lost till nine of the clocke, that hee went into his oratorye; where he had not sitten long, but Lisetta, in as great braverie as might, came to the church, and then offered up in greater devotion a burning taper to the angell Gabriell; afterwards, her orizens doon, she came to Friar Onion, who, after some conference, demaunded her of her newe lover, whom she highly commended; and hee againe gave her great thanks that shee vouchsaft him to be the receptacle of so holye a saint; for all the while his body was with her, his soule did taste the joyes of paradice.

These two thus agreed, it so fell out that sundrye times, as occasion and opportunity would give leave, the angell Gabriell viseted Lisetta. The Friar, thus frolike in this conceited content, was thwarted by fortune on this manner: Lisetta, waxing very proud with the remembrance of her newe lover, was cove and disdainefull, as she thought never a dame in Florence fit for her company; insomuch that many wondred why she grewe so insolent. But the more they marveiled, the more shee was malapert, conceiving such abundance of selfelove within her stomack, that she was with childe till shee had uttered her minde to some of her gossips. On a day, sitting with one in whom shee had most affiance,1 she beganne to require secrecye, and shee would unfold unto her a thing not only strange, but of great import. Her gossip, as the custome is, began to blame those wives whose secrets lay at their tongues end, and saide, shee was never toucht with any staine of her tongue; and, therfore, whatsoever she told her should be buried underfoote and goe no further. Upon this, Lysetta began to rehearse unto her, from poynt to poynt, the whole discourse of the angell Gabriell; how he was in love with her, and how sundry

¹ Trust.

nightes he lay with her, and many more matters which he told her of the joyes of paradice. Her gossip, being a wily wench, kept her countenance very demurely, commending the excellencye of her beauty, that did not only amaze men, but drew even angels to be inamoured of her. Promising to be as secret in this matter as her selfe, shee thought the time long till they might breake off talke; and therefore, as soone as she could finde opportunity, she tooke her leave, and hied her homeward: but to her house she could not goe till she had met with two or three of her gossips, to whom in a great laughter she unfolded what Madam Lysetta had told her; how she was beloved of the angell Gabriell; and how sundrye nightes he lay with her, and tolde her of the joyes of paradice.

This was woorke enough for nine dayes, for the wonder of Madame Lysetta's barne went through all Florence; so that at last it came to the eares of Lisetta's freends, who, greeved that such a clamor should be raysed of their kinswoman, knowing her folly, thought to watch neere, but they would take the angell Gabriell, and clip his winges from flying. Well, secrete they kept it, and made as though they had not heard of it, yet kept they such diligent watch, that they knew the night when the angell would descend to visit Lysetta: whereupon they beset the house round, and as soone as Friar Onyon was in, and had put off his winges, and was gone to bed, the rushing in of the watch wakened him from his rest, and that with such a vengeance, that trusting more to his feete than his feathers, he left Madam Lysetta amazed at the noise; and he himselfe was so sharpely beset and so neere taken, that he was faine to leape out of a high garrett window, and so almost brake his necke, into a little narrow lane. Well, his best joint scapte, but he was sore brused: yet feare made him forget his fall, that awaye he ran to a poore man's house, where he saw light, and there got in, making an excuse how he had fallen among theeves, and so desired lodging.

The man having heard talke of the angell Gabriell, knowing

very well Friar Onyon, that knewe not him, let him have lodging very willinglye, but all this while that he escapt, were Lysetta's freends seeking for the saint that so tenderly loved their kinsewoman: but they could not finde him, and to heaven he had not flowne, for they had found his wings; sorrye they were that Gabriell had mist them; but they chid hard, and rebuked the follye of Lysetta's selfe love, that was not onely so credulous, but such a blab as to reveale her owne secretes: it was late, and because they had mist of their purpose they departed, leaving Lisetta a sorrowfull woman, that she was so deceived by the angell Gabriell.

Well, night passed, and the morning came, and this poore man, Friar Onyon's hoast, told him that he knewe not how to shift him: for there was that day a great search for one Fryer Onyon that had escaped naked from Lysetta's house, and whoso kept him in secret should have his eares nailde on the pillory: at this the frier started and said, alas! freend, I am the man, and if by any meanes thou canst convay me to the dortor of our friorye, I will give thee fortye duckats: if you will, quoth his hoast, followe my counsayle, fear not, I will conveye you thither safe and unknowne; and thus, this daye there is great shewes made before the Duke of Florence and strange sights to be seene, and divers wylde men, disguised in strange attire, are brought into the market place: now I will dresse you in some strange order, and with a maske over your face, lead you amongst the rest, and when the shewe is done, carrying you as though I should carrye you home, I will conveygh you into the dortor backside secret and unknowne. Although this seemed hard to the frier, yet of two evils the least was to be chosen, and he consented to suffer what the hoast would devise. Whereupon hee that was of a pleasant conceipt used him thus: he annointed him ouer with barme mixed with honye, and stuck him full of feathers, and tying him by the necke with a chaine, put a visor on his face, and on either side tide a great ban dogge; in this come equipage marched this poore man with the

friar. He was no sooner come into the open streete, but the people never having seene such a sight before in Florence, did not onely wonder at the strangenesse of his dressing, but marvailed what this novelty should meane; whereupon an infinite number, not onlye of the common sorte, but of the gravest citizens, followed to see what should be the end of this wonder.

With a solemne pace marched his keeper till he came to the market place, where, tying him to a great piller that stoode there, he then let make in all places of the citie solemne proclamation, that whose should see the angell Gabriell, should presently come to the market place, and beholde him there in that amorous dignitie that hee did vsually visit the dames of Florence. At this proclamation there was a generale concourse of people, especially of the better sort, that had heard of Lysetta's loves, so that the Duke himselfe came thither, and amongst the rest Lysetta's kinsman. When all the market place was full of people, the hoast pulled the visor from the friar's face; at which the people gave a great shoute, clapping their hands and crying, the angell Gabriell, the angell Gabriell, he that comes from heaven to make us weare hornes! I neede not, I hope, intreate you to believe that poore Friar Onyon was heavilye perplexed, especiallye when the day grewe hotte, he naked and annointed with honye, so that all the waspes in the citie, as it were by a miracle, lefte the grocers' shops, and came to visite the friar, because his skin was so sweete, but alas to the poore man's paines, that he was almost stung to death. Divers of his convent came thither to see the strange apparition of the angell, who when they saw he was Fryar Onyon, then they covered there shaven crownes with their cooles, and went home with a flea in their eares. Thus all daye stood the poore friar, wondered at of all the people of Florence, and tormented with waspes, and at night fetcht home to the dortor by some of his brothers: he was clapt in prison, where for sorrow poore Gabriell died, and because he did so dishonor the other fryars, he bides this torment in purgatorie.

The discourse of the fryars thus past, I viewed them all that were churchmen; and after went into a lower roome, where there was a medley of all manner of people, of all trades, sciences, and occupations, assigned to such sundrye tormentes, as man's eie would almoste surfeite with the variety of objectes, even the verye broome men were there for robbing of the broome closes between Barking and London. And hard by them was there a place, emptye, formed thus: it was made like the shape of Tiborne, three square, and al painted about with halters; and hard by stood two tall fellowes, with carters' whips, so stearnely looking, as if with everye lashe they woulde cut a man to the bones: there was written over the place a great romain B. I could not learn for whom this torment was provided, for that so many men, so many censures: some saide it was for one Boniface, which should be pope, and should prove a great persecutor; others, that Bonner shoulde bee brought from his place among the prelates, and be whipt there, for breeching of Bartlet Greene naked in his garden; but the most voyces went, that it was for Bull,1 the hangman, because at his whipping in London the carters' shewed him too much favour. Well, for whomsoever it is, God blesse me from it, for hee is like to bee well belaboured with two lustye knaves. Looking still about, I saw three men seated in thrones higher then the rest, with three sheeldes hanging by them, having impresses and mottoes; I stayed and gazed my fill upon them; for they had no punishment, but were as prisoners detained in purgatory, but with a prehemenence; for whichsoever of the ghosts passed by, gave them a knee with a reverence. I mervailed what they should be, and one told me it was the three degrees of cuckolds; with that I smilde, and looked more narrowlye upon them, I spide written over the first's head this short sentence, One and One, over the second, None and One, over the third, One and None. This was to me a darke Aenigma, that I wished some Sphinx

¹ We have already had a mention of this notorious personage. See p. 25.



to unfold the secret; at last one stept to me and tolde me the whole matter, thus:—

THE TALE OF THE THREE CUCKOLDS, OF THEIR IMPRESSES, AND MOTTOES.

These three men, my freende, quoth the ghost, when they lived, were three famous men, and yet cuckoldes, as by their attier thou maist perceive, but different in degree, nature, and condition. He which sits highest, over whose head thou seest is written, One and One, had a beautifull dame to his wife, faire and well featured; yet a great deale more full of beautye then honestye, but howsoever quallified, a good wench she was, and one that was not such a niggard but she coulde keep a corner for a freend; to be breefe, shee would beare a man false at tables, and her husband that loved Irish well, thoughte it no ill tricke to beare a man too many: he saw it and knew very well that his wife loved another as well as himselfe; yet he loved her so, that he would not discontent her, but suffered her to have her longing, and to feede her owne fancye, and like a wittolde, winke at it, and therefore worthye to weare the horne. Thus while he lived, the dishonor of his life was shame enough for his lewdness, and now after his death, because he was so kinde a man, they have plaste him there without any punishment, because it was penance enough to have his conscience prickt with a restlesse sting of baudrye. And heere they have made him a gentleman, and in his scutcheon have given him the ram rampant, with a mighty paire of horns hanging over his eies: to signifie, if it be rightly emblasde, that he had such a great head, that looking through his hornes he did see and not see, shocking on with heavye palms as belwether to the rest: his motto is stolne out of Tully:

Non solum pro nobis.

Meaning, that as we are not born of ourselves, but for our

country, so he did not marry a wife for himselfe, but for his neighbours; this was the kinde opinion of this grave wittold.

. The second over whose head is written, None and One, was a man of an honest and vertuous disposition, who having a faire wife, that though shee could not treade right, yet wrincht hir shoe inward, that was as secret as she was false; and though she could not live caste, yet she lived caute: he never suspected her, but as he was honestly minded towards her, and kept himselfe to the wife of his bosome, so measured her foote after his owne last, and thought none in the world to have a more chaste wife, although indeed none had a more lascivious wanton. This poore man was none in his owne conceite, yet was one indeed, and therefore is he placet heere without any torture: for that is plague enough for him that he had a whore for his wife: he is likewise made a gentleman and gives armes. The goate, which by imblasure signifies, that as the goate carries his hornes behinde, so having hornes, because they were not apparent on his forhead, thought he had none, and yet carried a faire paire backward, like the goate: his motto is,

Credo quod habes et habes.1

Meaning, that a man's content stands as his believing is: so that if a man in his own conscience thinkes he hath a faire wife, it sufficeth, whatsoever proofe makes manifest to others.

The third over whose head is written, One and None, is a man that hath a woman of surpassing beautye to his wife, excellent and rare in properties, and every way as vertuous in honest perfection—a woman as faire as Helen, and as chaste as Lucrece: yet forsooth, because his wife is more faire then the common sorte, and therefore gazede on for that wheresoever shee goes, manye men's eies wait upon her, and divers lascivious youth attempt to frequent her companye: yet she that is wholy

¹ This motto is included in another tale in MS. Sloane, 1489; in Grange's Garden, 1577, 4to; and in MS. Bib. Reg. 12 B., v.



resolved upon vertue hath the tortueis under her feet, and gads not abroad; but keeping home avoides all occasions of dishonor: yet for all these manifest instances of her honestye, the eye of her husband fiered with suspition, so inflames his hart with jealousie, as there is none lookes on his wife but he thinks he comes to court her, and she glances her eie on none but straight she loves him: if she smile, it is to think how her love and she shal meet; if she lower, it is because shee hath not seene him todaye: thus living dooth he lead a hellish life in the labirinth of jelousie, and therefore he is placet heere without punishment in purgatory, because there can be no greater torment then to be plagued with the restlesse sting of jelousie. He is as the rest are, made a gentleman, he armes the asse with a marvellous paire of long and large eares. The emblason, this:--that as the asse for the length of his eares thinkes them to be hornes, and yet indeed they are but a plain paire of eares: so he like an asse because he hath a faire wife, thinkes that per consequens he must be a cuckold, when indeed he is none, and so supposeth his eares to be hornes: his motto is,

Ne mulieri credas, ne mortua quidem.

Meaning, that what faire shewe soever a woman dooth beare of honestye, yet there is no credite to be given unto her coynesse: but he resolves with the crue of the yellow hosde companions, that *mulier*, howsoever it be spoken or understoode, is a woord of unconstancie: 1 therefore, though he hath no hornes, because his wife is too honest, yet like an asse, for his jealousie hee shall have a long paire of eares whiles he lives.

.Thus was the order of these cuckolds discourst unto me, which as soone as I heard I went on further to spye any worth the noting, much I saw that were frivolous to rehearse, as

¹ Alluding, I think, to a tale related in MS. Sloane, 1489:—"A scholar once said to a woman who was complaining of him, Be quiet, bona mulier! At which, she being angry, the scholar answered, Why, bona is good. Well, said she, if bona be good, then I am sure mulier is not."

divers women that were hangd up by the tongues for scolding, and especiallye one Botcher's wife of Sudburye, who was so famous for that art, if wee may tearme it a science, that after her death, she was chronicled amongst the successive scholdes, her neighbours, for an archgossip in that facultye: for her husband being a poore painefull man, that lived by his dayly labour, came home every night and brought her duely and duetifullye his groat, which could not content her, but she would in brave tearmes abuse him, and call him rascall, and slave, but above all, pricklowse,2 which hee could not abide: wherefore having often forbad her, and seeing she would take no warning, on a day tooke hart at grasse, and belabourd her well in a cudgel: but all would not suffice; the more he beat her, the more she calde him pricklowse. Seeing stripes would not prevail, he threatned to cut out her tongue: it is no matter for that, knave, quoth she, yet shall the stump call thee pricklowse: at this answere the poore botcher was so mad, that taking a rope and tying it about her middle, having a well in his yarde, and thereunto he let her downe into the wel, and threatned to drowne her: tush! all would not prevaile, but she cried the more vehemently; wherefore he duckte over head and eares; and then when her tung could not wagge, she heaved her hands above water, and knackt with her two nailes of her thombs: then seeing nothing would prevaile but death, he drewe her up and left her to her villanye: she above the rest was tormented. A little belowe I saw a cooke that was a mad merry fellow, and he sate demurely with a cranes leg in his mouth, having no other punishment: at this I smilde, and asked the cause, and it was told me thus :-



¹ Painstaking.

² A tailor. This is a very old and very popular story. See Mr. Wright's Latin Stories, p. 12, *De muliere litigiosa*, and the note, p. 217. It is found in Poggius, and in several of the Italian collections of stories, from whence Tarlton appears to have taken it.

THE TALE OF THE COOKE, AND WHY HE SAT IN PURGA-TORY WITH A CRANES LEG IN HIS MOUTH.

There dwelled in Venice a gentleman called Signior Bartolo,1 who being one of the Consiliadorie, and greatly experienced in the civill law, was much frequented of sundry sutors; amongst the rest there was a gentleman, his neighbour, that by fortune had caught some eight or ten cranes, a fowle in high esteeme in that cittie: these as a thing of great price hee bestowed on Signior Bartolo, who accepted them with great gratfulness, that so good and bountiful a gift merited. Proud forsooth of this present, he fedde them up in one of his yards, looking with great care to them, because the Venetians holde them so rare. On a day desirous to make his neighbours partakers of his dainties, he bad divers of them to supper, and commanded his cooke to provide good cheer, and amongst the rest, chargde. him to kill a crane, and to see that it were excellently well rosted. The cooke, whose name was Stephano, made all thinges in a readines for supper, and when the time was convenient layde the crane to the fire. Now, syr, this Stephano was a fellowe that was somewhat amorous, and excellent at courting of a country wench, insomuch that he was the cheef gallant of al the parish for dancing of a Lincolneshire hornepipe in the churchyard on sondaies: being thus well qualified, he was generally loved of all the girles thereabout, and especiallye of one in the towne, whom he had so long dallyed withall, that the maid fell sicke, and her disease was thought to be a timpany with two heeles: wel howsoever shee was spedde, and Stephano had This maid hearing what a great feast should doone the deed. be at Signior Bartoloes house, hied her thither not onlye to see the good cheere, but that shee must feede her eye with the sight of her Stephano, who now was ruffling and sweating in

¹ This story is taken from Boccaccio, Decam. Giorn. vi., nov. 4.



the kitchin; shee made an excuse and came in for fier, but in an unlucky time for the poore cooke, for shee no sooner sawe the crane but she longd for a leg, and that so sore, that there was nothing but that or death; whereupon shee calde Stephano to her, and tolde him shee must needes have a legge of the crane, for shee so deeply longde for it, that if shee had it not, it were able both to cast her away and that shee went withall. Although poore Stephano alledge many excuses, as the displeasure of his maister, and the feare of the losse of his service, yet no reason could prevaile with her who was without reason: and therfore what for love he bare her, and for dread of discredite that might ensue, if for want of her longing she should fall to travell, he ventred a joynt, and when the crane was enough cut her of a legge.

His wench thus satisfied went home: and supper time grew on, for all the guestes were come, and presentlye, because it was somewhat late, sate downe, where they were served very bountifullye: at last the dainties of the crane forsooth, was brought up, and Signior Bartolo commaunded the carver to truncke her; which, when hee had doone, she was set upon the table; the gentleman of the house fell to distributing to his guests, and at last mist a legge; with that looking about he calde the carver, and askt him where the other leg was. Sir, quoth he, your maistership hath all the cooke sent up. Then, quoth Bartolo, go to the cooke and aske where the other leg is. went down and did his maister's commaund; the cooke, thinking to face out the matter, began to smile, why, quoth hee, we may see cranes are dainty in this country, when gentlemen cannot tel how many legs they have. Go tel my maister I sent him up as many legges as she had. The fellow brought this newes to his maister, who in a great chafe called for the cooke, and asked of him how many legs a crane had. Marry, sir, quoth he, one. Why malepert villein, quoth Bartolo, mockest thou me before all these gentlemen? Not I, sir, quoth the cook, for I am sure I have drest many in my life,

and hetherto yet I never saw a crane have but one leg. With this answere, Bartolo was thoroughly inflamed with choller, but that he would shewe himselfe to be patient amongst his neighbours, he suppressed his anger with this milde reply: Either, gentlemen, you may thinke I or my cook is drunk, that hold a dispute about the cranes leg: but for that this night I wil not be impatient, I passe it over; but to-morrow morning, al as you are heere, I humbly request you to take so much paines as to rise betimes, and to be judge betweene me and my man, whether cranes have two legs or no: for I have nine cranes more, and wee will earlye goe into the yarde where they feede, and this shall be the wager betweene my man and me, if they have but one leg, I wil give him twenty duckats and a sute of satin: if they have two, hee shall have twentye blowes with a cudgill, and I will turne him quite out of service. With this motion the cooke seemed very well contented, that all the guestes smilde to see poore Stephano so obstinate. Upon this matter they began to descant, and fell into pleasant chat, and so passed away the supper time. At last, although loath to depart, yet every man departed with great thanks to Signior Bartolo for their good cheer, promising verye earlye in the morning to be with him: where we leave them and againe to the cooke, who provided all his trinkets in a readines to trudge away with bag and baggage the next morning; for he knew his matter was nought. Thus with a heavy heart he passed away the night, and in the morning fell in a slumber: but hee had not long lyen in a dreame, but Bartolo, accompanied with his neighours, knockt at his man's chamber doore, and bad him rise, that they might end the quarrell: poore Stephano started up and with a hevy cheer, comming out of his chamber, gave his maister and the rest bon Joure. Come, sirra, quoth his maister, heere are the gentlemen my neighbours come to be equall censors of our controversie. Hold, take the key of the yard, and open you the door, and then let us see how many legs a crane hath. The cooke tooke the key and very easily opened the doore and

entred in; and all the cranes, because it was so early, were at strud,1 as their custome is generally, all stoode upon one leg and held the other under their wing. Stephano, seeing the advantage, not willing to let so faire a bal fall to the ground, began himselfe: Now, sir, quoth he, I hope yourselfe and the rest of the gentlemen will confesse I have wonne the wager: for you see heere is never a crane that hath more than one legge. this, seeing how nimble he was to take the advantage, they all Trueth, sir, quoth his maister, they stand now on one leg, but straight you shall see me make them all have two. With that Signior Bartolo, lifting up his hand, cryed, so ho! and with that, the cranes let downe their legges, and every one stood upon two. How now, you knave, quoth his maister, how many legges hath a crane ? hath she not two? Yes, marrye, sir, quoth he, and so would your other crane have had, if you had doone this: for if your worship, when you had seene the crane in the platter that had but one leg, had as loud as you doo now, cried, so ho! why then shee would have had two legges as well as these.

At this jest, Signor Bartolo fel into such a laughing, and all his guests with him, that hee laught awaye choller, and admitted his man into his woonted favour. Whereupon, Stephano told them the whole discourse what happened betweene him and his wenche; and upon this merrilye they went to breakefast. Now, syr, although this faulte was forgiven, yet, because hee dyed not in favour with the preest of the parishe, hee was appointed, for stealing the cranes leg, to stand in purgatorie with legge in his mouth for a certaine season.

After I had heard this discourse of the cooke, I went on further, to see if I could perceive any other such jestes as might make me merrye in so mellanchollicke a place. At last, as I cast mine eye aside, I sawe where a poore vickar satte with

¹ This word is more usually applied to mares.

a coale in his mouth. I asked the reason why hee was appointed to such punishment, and it was answered me thus:—

THE TALE OF THE VICKAR OF BERGAMO, AND WHY HE SITS WITH A COALE IN HIS MOUTH IN PURGATORY.

There dwelled sometime in Bergamo a vickar that was welbeloved in the towne, for that he was a boone companion, and would not sticke to play at trump 1 all day with his parishioners for a pot or two of ale. A faire reader he was, and pleased the people wel; marry, for learning that was little, and tungs he had no more then were in his mouth: neither would he trouble himselfe with the knowledge of many languages, but applyed his idle time upon good felowship. It chaunced that his score growing very great, and much chalk upon the post,* his hostesse, wanting money to pay the malteman, wexed hasty with the vickar for her debt. He, being then bare of pence, because his quarterage was not come in, tolde her she could not have it as yet. Whereupon they grewe to woords, and from woords to blowes. For masse vickar went awaye with a broken head, which drived him into such a choller, that he sought all meanes how to revenge; and he laid his plot thus:

Every Sondaye morning, afore masse, all the youth of the parish did accustome to come to the ale house to eate hot puddings, which was great profit to the good-wife. Now, to prevent her of this commodity, the vickar spake against it, and forbad it openly: yet it was not so deepely inveighed against, but that diverse Sundayes they would make a steale thither to breakefast, and one Sunday amongst the rest, the whole crew being gathered together, notice was given to the vickar: whereupon he hyed him thither, and found them all hard at it by the teeth. When



¹ A game at cards, somewhat similar to the modern game of whist. See Nares, in v.

² That is, where the score was kept.

they sawe masse vickar come in, every man rose up and ranne away to shift for himselfe. The hostesse, she whipt in with the puddings; so that there was none left in the house but Maister Vickar, who spying a doozen of lustic large black puddinges hangde in the chimney, whipt them into his wide sleeve, and went his way. He was no sooner gone, but the goodwife comming out, mist her puddings, and little suspected the vickar, but thought some of her guests had caryed them away: wherupon she tolde it to her husband, who let the matter passe lightly, and wisht his wife make her hastily readye, that they might go to masse. On goes she with her holiday partlet,1 and spundgings herself up, went with her husband to church, and came just to the service. Well, Maister Vickar, who was in a great chafe, mumbled up his mattins, and, after service was doon, very stoutly got him into the pulpit, and began to fall to his collation. His text was upon the gospell for that daye, which hee coursde and canvased over, that he fell at last to talke of the breakefast. Oh, neighbours, quoth hee, as I came this daye to churchward, I came into a house, nay, into an ale house, where I found a crewe at breakfast before masse, at a blouddye breakefast, a blacke breakfast; yea, neighbours, the devils breakfast; and with that he threwe his armes about him with such violence, that his wide sleeve untyed, the puddings fell out, and hit an olde wife on the head that she fell over againe. The hostesse, seeing a dozen of puddings that she mist, cryed out to her husband: Oh, man, quoth she, ther's the dozen of puddings that were gone out of the chimney; hye thee least they be gone. At this there was such a laughing, and such a rumor, that the poore vickar, to leave of his collation and come downe to answere what the alewife objected against him: but he was so wel beloved in the parish, that the alewife was punished, and her Sonday breakfasts put down by a common consent of the churchwardens.

1 A ruff, or band.

² Dressing.

The vickar,1 thus well revenged of the alewife, indevoured how to make amends to the parish; and, therefore, casting in his head how he might bring it to passe, one daye, as he travelled towards Pisa, he met a stranger, who had certayne feathers in his hand of a birde called apis Indica, which were long and large, of the colour of golde, and were so bright as scarce one could looke against them: such before were never seene in Italye. Masse Vickar, assoone as hee sawe these, had a reach in his head, and jumpt with the travailer to buy one. A price was pitcht for thirtye Julyos, and Masse Vickar paid it. Having this, home he came, and bought a case of crimsin velvet, imbrodered with golde, to put his feather in, keeping it with great curiositie and secrecie, making report that he had one of the richest reliques in the worlde, and promising upon Candlemas day next to shewe it. Wherupon it was not onely blazed abroad throughout the towne, but in all the villages and hamlets adjoning, that both old and young prepared themselves to see this holye relique. Two of the crew, who were brothers at the breakefast of puddings, hearing these news, sought how to be eaven with Maister Vickar; and therefore brought it so to passe by a wench of the house where the vickar laye, that they might see this holye relique; she brought them to the chamber and the box wherin the case lay in perfume. The fellowe looking in, and seeing a fether, neither respecting reason nor religion, tooke it out, and put it in his bosome, and fild the case full of charcoles that laye by, and so putting the case into the box, kist the wench and went his way. Service time being come, Maister Vicar runs up for the box, claps it vnder his arme, and away he goes to church; and for that it was Candlemas day, a high day, he said and sung a very solemne masse; and that being doone, seeing such a multitude of people, he got him with a great grace into the pulpit, and began his text, which, after he had rattled over a little, he told them what sundrye reliques were left to the church for the benefit of the people.

¹ This tale is taken from Boccaccio, Decam. Giorn. vi., nov. 10.

Oh, my maisters and good freends, quoth he, parishioners and neighbours, you see that every citie heer about, nay, through the whole world, hath some holy relique or other, as a blessing belonging to their corporation; but our poore towne of Bergamo hath had none: but now God hath considered of your estate, and hath sent you a richer and more holy then all the rest. Some towne, quoth hee, hath a peece of the crosse, or of the nailes, or a peece of the spunge that recht Christ vineger; at Rome, there is the speare that piercst his side; at Venice, the chawbone of Saint Marke, good for the falling evill; at Vienna, the tooth of St. Appolym, wholesome for the toothake; at Pisa, the hoofe of Saint Loyes horse, that healeth such kinde of cattell; for the swine, Saint Antonies bell; for the pose, Saint Dunstones tonges; for the squinsey, Saint Martin's trough; for the eye sight, Saint Winifrid's girdle; for the palsie, Saint Asaph's beades; and a thousand more, which are now needelesse to rehearse: but, good people, I have heere for your comfort one of the feathers, yea, one of those holy and glorious feathers, that the Angell Gabriell wore when he sayde Ave Maria to the mother of Christ. Olde wives and aged men, kneele downe, and with joye beholde so great a miracle.

With that they all fell upon their knees, and he pulde foorth his boxe, and drewe foorth the case, which, when hee heard it rattle, he marveled; but when he put his hand in, and founde nothing but coales, his hart was cold in his belly, and he swet for woe: yet, having a knavishe and readie wit, he sodainlye and upon the present shifted it thus: Good people, quoth he, I have mist of my boxe, and have left the wing of the Angell Gabriel behind me; but I have heer a relique no lesse precious then that, which I thought not to show you before Easter day; and these be the coales that Saint Lawrence, the holy martyr, was broilde with. And with that he drewe the charcoale out of his poake. These, parishioners, quoth he, even the very marke that is made with these, is good against all evill spirits, against blasting and witchcraft; and, therefore, seeing it is the will of

God I should shewe you these first, I will come downe and marke you all with the hely relique of Saint Lawrence. So he stept downe out of the pulpit, and crost them all, to his great profit and their content. For which cause, in that he mockt the people, he is appointed to stand in purgatorie with a coale in his mouth.

The Vickar's tale of Bergamo being ended, I went further; and presently I espyed a little doore, wherout issued a most fearfull noise, tempered with such far fetcht sighes and grevous shrikes, that it was a sound much to be pittied. The smalenesse of the voice discovered that they were women. Whereupon I pressed more neere the doore, and looked in at a little chinke, and there I might see a companye of beautifull women, of all ages, pitifullye tormented, as sitting in a place full of smoake and stinking savors, and bitten continually about the harts with scorpions. In all there were not above three of them, and yet they uttered as grevous laments as though there had beene a thousand. I demaunded why these were punished above the rest. They said, they were such as dyed maides, and kept their virginitye without spots, that hated men; and for that they were so hard harted, they were adjudged to such sharpe punishment. Straight, as I cast mine eye up, I spied in a blinde corner, where a painter sat, having the picture of a roode hung aboute him, and every time he looked upon it he had three bastinados over the shoulders with a belroape. As of the rest, so I enquirde the cause of this, and it was discourst to me thus :---

THE TALE OF THE PAINTER OF DONCASTER, AND WHY IN PURGATORY HE WAS BEATEN WITH A BEL-ROAPE.

I know you are not ignorant how, in King Edward the Sixt's dayes, all popery and superstition was banished, and the light of the gospell puld from under the bushell where it was covered, and, to the sight and comfort of all, set upon a hill, so that

all his reliques were abolished, and his idols puld downe, and the church, as neere as they could, cleansed from the dreges of such an antichrist. Wherupon, the painters that livde with such trashe, as trimming of shrines and roodes, alters and saints, and the carvers, that made such images, were faine, with Alexander, the coppersmith, to cry out against Paule and his doctrine; having so little woork, that they all most forgot their occupation. But when, for the sinnes of this land and wickednesse of the people, the Lord tooke away there good king, and deprived them of the sweet manna of the gospell, and sent them againe antichrist, with all his traditions, Queene Marye, lawfull successor in the kingdome, made proclamation that all those roodes which were pulde downe should be set up againe in every church. Amongst the rest, the church of Doncaster in Yorkeshire, desiring to be one of the formost to signific their obedience and devotion, in all hast sent for the painter to make them a roode, and agreed upon the price. Wherupon he went about his worke; but for that his hand had beene out of use by the space of six yeeres, he had forgot the lineaments of the visage, and the other woonted proportion, that he made it very hard favorde: yet, as everye mans worke seemes well to himselfe, he went forward withall, and set it up on a Satterday at night on the roodloft. On Sunday, at masse, there was old 1 ringing of bels, and old and yong came to church to see the new roode, which was so ill favourde, that al the parish mislikt it, and the children they cryed, and were afraid of it. Upon this they fell in greate displeasure with the painter; and when Monday came, and he was with the cheefe of the parish for his money, they denyed flatly to pay him any, because his woorke was so ill wrought. He upon that cald them before the major of the towne, who was a man who favored King Edward's religion as

¹ The word olde does not here signify ancient, as in the next line, but is merely used as a kind of superlative. It is thus employed by Shake-speare in 2 Henry iv., ii. 4.



far as he durst, and to him the painter made his complaint, that the parishioners, now that he had made their roode, would not pay him his money. The major demaunded of them why they denide him paiment. They answered, for that he had, like a bungler, made Christ so hard favored, that it was not only unfit to stand in any church, but their children were afraid to look on it: so that everye way it should greatly hinder devotion. But yet, quoth the major, the poore man hath doon his good wil, you must consider his hand hath been long out of use; and, therefore, there is no reason, though his cunning hath failde him, but you should pay him his monye. Well, sir, quoth they, at your request we will give him what our bargaine was; but we must buy a new rood, and cannot tell what to doo Marry, neighbours, quoth the major, if he wil not serve you for a God, follow my advice; clap a paire of hornes on his head, and I warrant you hee will prove an excellent good devill. And that, sir, quoth the painter, will I doo over and beside their bargaine. Thus were the poore parishioners of Doncaster mockt, and yet paide their monye: but their vickar so delt with bell, booke, and candle, against the poore painter, for making the ill favored roode, that he sits in purgatory beaten with a bel-roape.

The tale of the painter being ended, passing a little further, I might see where sat a crewe of men that woare baye garlands on their heads; and they were poets; amongst which was olde Ennius, Virgill, Juvenall, Propertius, and wanton Ovid, Martiall, Horace, and many moe, which had written lascivious verse, or other heroicall poems. But above them I marked olde Ronsard, and he sat there with a scroule in his hand, wherein was written the description of Cassandra, his mistresse: and because his stile is not common, nor have I heard our English poets write in that vaine, marke it, and I will rehearse it, for I have learned it by hart.

¹ His works were published at Paris in 1578. Galland's edition was printed in 1619, fol.

RONSARD'S DESCRIPTION OF HIS MISTRIS, WHICH HE WERES IN HIS HAND IN PURGATORY.

Downe I sat,
I sat downe

Where Flora had bestowed her graces.

Greene it was,

It was greene,

Far passing other places;
For art and nature did combine

For art and nature ard comoine
With sights to witch the gasers eine.

There I sat,

I sat there,

Viewing of this pride of places.

Straight I saw,

I saw straight

The sweetest faire of all faces:

Such a face as did containe,

Heavens shine in every vaine!

I did looke,

Looke did I,

And there I saw Apollo's wyers:

Bright they were,

They were bright;

With them Aurora's head he tires;

But this I wondred, how that now,

That shadowed in Cassander's bow.

Still I gazde,

I gazde still,

Spying Luna's mylke white glasse:

Commixt fine,

Fine commixt

With the morning's ruddie blase;

This white and red their seating seekes,

Upon Cassandraes smiling cheekes.

Two stars then,
Then two stars,
Passing sunse and moone in skine,
Appearde there,
There appearde,

And were forsooth my mistres eine: From whence proved Cupid threw his fire, To set a flame all men's desire.

Brests she had,

She had brests,

White like the silver dove:

Lie there did.

There did lye

Cupid overgrowne with love.

And in the vale the parts the plaine,

Pitcht his tent there to remaine.

This was she,

She was this,

The fairest faire that ere I see;

I did muse,

Muse did I,

How such a creature fond could be:
A voice replied from the aire,
She alone, and none so faire!

This was Ronsard's description of his mistress; and he is forcst to hold it in his hand, that every time he castes his eies on it, he may with sighs feel a secret torment, in that hee once loved too much, beeing alive. A little above sat the ghost of a young gentlewoman that had beene false to her husband. Shee shoulde have beene greevously tormented, but that shee bestowed an annuitye for three yeeres pension upon a morrow masse prieste, who so laboured it with dirges, tentrals, and masses, ad requiem, that shee had no other punishment but this, that her beautifull haire, wherin shee so much delighted, and whose tramels was

a traine to intrappe young gentlemen, and nowe was clipt off bare to the scull; and so she sat ashamde and mourning. The cause, as I learnde, was this:—

WHY THE GENTLEWOMAN OF LYONS SAT WITH HER HAIRE CLIPT OFF IN PURGATORY.

In the cittie of Lyons there dwelt a gentleman of good acount amongst his neighbors, called Monsieur Perow. This gentleman, having land and revenues sufficient to maintaine his estate, thought fullye to heape to himselfe content, and therefore sought out a yong virgin of equall parentage to himselfe, with whom he had a sufficient dowry; and her he loved, and she likte him, and so they maried, living in good estimation amongst their tenants. As they were thus linked together in wedlock, so it seemde in outward appearance that they were so strictlye tied in affection as no meanes might alienate. But women, whom nature has framde to be inconstant, cannot be altred by nurture: the palme will grow straite, though it be never so depressed; and a wanton will be a wanton, were she married to Cupid. And so it proved by Maria, for so was the gentlewoman's name, who, because she was faire, had many sutors, that attempted to bee rivals with her husband in her love: amongst the rest, as shee resolved to choose one, there was a yong amorous youth of Lions, called Pier. He sought divers meanes to creep into her favor, past by her house, and cast up looks that pleded for pittie, and had banded him again glances that foreshewed 1 good will. Thus, with interchange of favours, they lived, Pier seeking oportunity how to reveale his minde to Maria. At last, as hee walked one day forth the towne, he saw where she was walking only with one of her maides: taking, therefore, oportunity by the forehead, he stept to her, and began to court her with sundry protestations

¹ Promised.

of his love, which had been long and so surely set as no dispaire coulde race out, promising not onely to be a faithfull servant in constancie, but to be so carefull of her honour as his owne life. And for your gravitie, think, mistres, quoth he, that faults in affections are sleight follies, that Venus hath shrines to protect her trewants, and Cupid's winges are shelters for such as venter far to content their thoughts: unseene is halfe pardoned, and love requires not chastity, but that her souldiers be chary.

Maria, hearing the wag thus play the orator, having love in her eyes and desire in hart, after a fewe faint denials, thrusting him away with her little finger and pulling him to her with the whole hand, she graunted him that fauour to be cald her servant. Graced thus, he grew in such credite, that there was no man with Maria but Pier. Having thus a love beside her husband, although hee was a faire man and well featured, yet shee found fault with him, because he was a meacockel and a milkesoppe, not daring to drawe his swoorde to revenge her wrongs: wherefore shee resolved to entertaine some souldier; and so shee did; for one Signyor Lamberto, a brave gentleman, but something hard face, sought her favour and found it, and him shee intertained for her champion.

Thus had shee a white liverd Adon to feede her eye with beautye, and a stoute Hercules to revenge all her wrongs with his sword, and a poore husband to shadowe both with his hornes.³ Living thus contentedlye in her owne conceite, her husband went into the countrye to a farme of his, and thither with him he carried his wife, where hee passed away many merry daies

¹ A tame cowardly fellow, applied particularly, as in the present instance, to a mild husband.

² The following tale is from Boccaccio, Giorn. vii., nov. 6. It is taken originally from the Disciplina Clericalis of Peter Alfonsi, and is found in the eastern collections of tales. It occurs likewise in Poggius, and in many of the collections of tales and facetiæ of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.

in such pleasure as cuntrie sportes can affoorde. At last, serious affairs forcing him to it, he rid his way for three or foure daies to certaine of his freends there adjoyning. Maria, seeing her husband gone, thought not to let time slip, nor to lose oportunitie: and therefore the next day after sent for Pier, who hasted as fast might be, till he came to his mistres, where he had such freendlye intertainment as fitted both their humours. Shee caused her maide to make great cheere, and assoone as it was readye, to dinner they went; where they were scarce set, but one knocked at the doore; the maide looked out, and it was Signior Lamberto. She ran and told her mistres, who, fearefull that he should see Pier, or know of him, hid him under the bed, and commanded her maid to bid Signior Lamberto come up: she, like a cunning curtizan, giving him such favourable intertainement, as though hee were the man whom, above all other, shee made account off. Faith, sweete, quoth hee, I heard thy husband was from home, and so I took my nag and came gallopping hither. Set him into the stable, quoth the mistris. No, quoth Signior Lamberto, let him bee there stil and bite of the bridle; for my businesse is such, as I will onelye dine with you, and then bid you farewell. With that he set him downe to dinner; poore Pier lying close under the bed, thinking every minute an houre till he were gone. As thus they sat at their cuppes, and were wantonlye quaffing one to another, came in the maide running, and said, her maister came riding. At this, Signior Lamberto started up, and was amazed; but the gentlewoman was in a feare, that had two lovers at once in her house, and yet could have hidden them both, had it not beene for the horse that stoode tied in the court yarde. Wel, a shift must be had; and where sooner then out of a woman's head? What shall I doe? quoth Signior Lamberto. Marry, I pray you, good sweet hart, quoth she, to save your owne credit and mine, drawe your swoorde and goe downe the staires, and as you go, sweare and say that you shall finde a time and place more convenient, when you will be revengede to the uttermost. So he did; and by that time was the gentleman of the house come in, who marvailed to see a horse tied in the court; and therefore alighting off, came up the staires, and, as he came, met Lamberto with his sworde drawne, and his face full of frownes, swearing, when fitter time and place would serve, he would revenge, and that with extremetye. What is the matter? quoth the maister of the house. He answered nothing, but put up his swoord, took horse and away towards Lions.

As soon as the gentleman came up, he found his wife amazde, sitting in the hall in the middest of the flowre, as halfe beside herselfe. What is the matter, wife, quoth hee, that thou art so amazed, and that Signior Lamberto went downe with his swoorde drawne in such a rage! Ah, husband, quoth shee, as I sate here at my woorke, came running into the court yarde, a proper young man, having throwne awaye his cloake and hatte, and desired mee, as I tendered the state of a man, to save his life, for Signior Lamberto would kill him: I, pittying his case, stept in and hidde him in my bed chamber. With that came Signior Lamberto gallopping, dismounted in the court, and drawing his swoorde, came running up, and would have broken open my chamber door, but on my knees I intreated him to the contrary; at my request hee went his way, frowning as you see, and so he is rode to Lions. The poore young man, alas, husband, lyes hid under the bed in great feare. And this tale she told so lowde, that Pier heard every woord, and therefore had his lesson what hee should answere, smyling at the prompt witte of his mistres that had so sodaine a shift. Bidde him come out, wife, quoth he. Then she capte the doore, and Pier he came as one greatly affrighted from under the bed.

The gentleman seeing him a proper young man and weaponlesse, had pittie on him, and saide: Hee was glad that his house was a sanctuarye for him, and greatly commended his wife, that she had saved him from the furye of Signior Lamberto, whom all Lions accounted a most desperate man. Upon this,

taking Pier by the hand, they sat downe to dinner: and when they had taken their repast, the gentleman very curteouslye conducted Pier home to Lions. Now for because she was thus inconstant, shee, to qualifie her pride and insolencye, sate in purgatorye, with the punishment afore rehearsed.

This tale being ended, I looked a little further, and I might see where a young man and a young woman sate together naked from the middle upward, and a very olde man whipping of them with nettles: they, as persons that little regarded his punishment, woulde oftentimes kisse, and then the olde man as one inwardly evexed, woulde bestirre all his strength to torment them: the reason of this strange shewe was thus discourst unto mee.

THE TALE OF THE TWO LOVERS OF PISA, AND WHY THEY WERE WHIPT IN PURGATORY WITH NETTLES.¹

In Pisa, a famous cittie of Italye, there lived a gentleman of good linage and landes, feared as well for his wealth, as honoured for his vertue, but indeed well thought on for both; yet the better for his riches. This gentleman had one onelye danghter, called Margaret, who for her beauty was liked of all, and desired of many. But neither might their sutes nor her owne prevaile about her father's resolution, who was determyned not to marrye her, but to such a man as should be able in abundance to maintain the excellency of her beauty. Divers yong gentlemen

This tale is taken from a novel in "Le Tredeci piscevoli Notti" of Stroparola, 8vo., Vineg. 1569, vol. i., fol. 129. It has been already reprinted in Malone's Shakespeare, ed. 1821, viii. 203-210; in Collier's Shakespeare Library, vol. ii.; and in the Appendix to the First Sketch of the Merry Wives of Windsor, reprinted for this Society. Farmer considers Shakespeare to have had this in his recollection when he wrote the Merry Wives, but the similarities are by no means striking, and, as Mr. Collier justly observes, more general than particular, but a few curious coincidences of expression may be traced.

proffered large feofiments, but in vaine, a maide shee must bee still: till at last an olde doctor in the towne, that professed phisicke, became a sutor to her, who was a welcome man to her father, in that he was one of the welthiest men in all Pisa; a tall stripling he was and a proper youth, his age about foure score, his heade as white as milke, wherein for offence sake there was left never a tooth. But it is no matter, what he wanted in person he had in the purse, which the poore gentlewoman little regarded, wishing rather to tie herself to one that might fit her content, though they lived meanely, then to him with all the wealth in Italye. But shee was yong, and forest to follow her father's direction, who, upon large covenants, was content his daughter should marry with the doctor, and whether she likte him or no, the match was made up, and in short time she was married. The poore wench was bound to the stake, and had not onely an olde impotent man, but one that was so jealous, as none might enter into his house without suspition, nor shee doo any thing without blame; the least glance, the smallest countenance, any smile was a manifest instance to him that shee thought of others better then himselfe. Thus he himselfe lived in a hell, and tormented his wife in as ill perplexitie.

At last it chaunced that a young gentleman of the citie, comming by her house, and seeing her looke out at her window, noting her rare and excellent proportion, fell in love with her, and that so extreamelye, as his passions had no meanes till her favour might mittigate his heart sicke discontent. The yong man that was ignorant in amorous matters, and had never beene used to courte anye gentlewoman, thought to reveale his passions to some one freend that might give him counsaile for the winning of her love, and thinking experience was the surest maister, on a daye seeing the olde doctor walkinge in the churche that was Margaret's husband, little knowing who he was, he thought this the fittest man to whom he might discover his passions, for that hee was olde and knew much, and was a

phisition that with his drugges might helpe him forward in his purposes; so that seeing the olde man walke solitary, he joinde unto him, and after a curteous salute, tolde him that he was to impart a matter of great import to him, wherein, if hee would not onely be secrete, but indevour to pleasure him, his pains should bee every way to the full considered. You must imagine, gentleman, quoth Mutio, for so was the doctor's name, that men of our profession are no blabs, but hold their secrets in their hearts bottome, and therefore reveale what you please, it shall not onely be concealed, but cured, if either my art or counsaile may doo it. Upon this, Lyonell, so was the young gentleman called, told and discourst unto him from point to point, how he was falne in love with a gentlewoman that was married to one of his profession, discovered her dwelling and the house, and for that he was unacquainted with the woman, and a man little experienced in love matters, he required his favour to further him with his advice. Mutio at this motion was stung to the hart, knowing it was his wife hee was fallen in love withall, yet to conceale the matter, and to experience his wive's chastity, and that if she plaide false, he might be revenged on them both, he dissembled the matter, and answered that he knewe the woman very well, and commended her highly: but saide she had a churle to her husband, and therfore he thought shee would bee the more tractable: trye her, man, quoth hee, fainte harte never wonne faire lady, and if shee will not be brought to the bent of your bowe, I will provide such a potion as shall dispatch all to your owne content: and to give you further instructions for oportunitie, knowe that her husband is foorth every after-noone from three till sixe.

Thus farre I have advised you, because I pitty your passions, as my selfe being once a lover, but now I charge thee reveale it to none whomsoever, least it doo disparage my credit to meddle in amorous matters. The yong gentleman not onely promised all carefull secrecy, but gave him harty thanks for his good counsell, promising to meete him there the next day, and tell

him what newes. Then hee left the old man, who was almost mad for feare his wife any way should play false: he saw by experience brave men came to beseige the castle, and seeing it was in a woman's custodie, and had so weeke a governor as himselfe, he doubted it would in time be delivered up: which feare made him almost franticke, yet he drivde of the time in great torment, till he might heare from his rival.

Lionello he hastes him home and sutes him in his braverye,1 and goes downe toward the house of Mutio, where he sees her at her windowe, whome he courted with a passionate looke, with such a humble salute as shee might perceive how the gentleman was affectionate. Margaretta, looking earnestlye upon him, and noting the perfection of his proportion, accounted him in her eye the flower of all Pisa, thinkte herselfe fortunate if shee might have him for her freend, to supply those defaultes that she found in Mutio. Sundry times that afternoone he past by her window, and he cast not up more loving lookes, then he received gratious favours, which did so incourage him that the next daye betweene three and sixe hee went to her house, and knocking at the doore, desired to speake with the mistris of the house, who hearing by her maid's description what he was, commaunded him to come in, where she intertained him with all courtesie.

The youth that never before had given the attempt to court a ladye, began his exordium with a blushe; and yet went forward so well, that hee discourst unto her howe hee loved her, and that if it might please her so to accept of his service, as of a freende ever vowde in all dutye to bee at her commaunde, the care of her honour should bee deerer to him then his life, and hee would be ready to prise her discontent with his bloud at all times. The gentlewoman was a little coye, but, before they part, they concluded that the next day at foure of the clock hee should come thither and eate a pound of cherries,

¹ That is, clothes himself finely.



which was resolved on with a succado des labras, and so with a loath to depart they tooke their leaves. Lionello as joyfull a man as might be, hyed him to the church to meete his olde doctor, where he found him in his olde walke: What newes, syr, quoth Mutio? how have you sped? Even as I can wishe, quoth Lionello, for I have been with my mistrisse, and have found her so tractable, that I hope to make the olde peasant, her husband, looke broad headed by a paire of browantlers. How deepe this strooke into Mutio's hart, let them imagine that can conjecture what jelousie is; insomuch that the olde doctor askte when should be the time. Mary, quoth Lionello, tomorrow, at foure of the clocke in the afternoone, and then, Maister Doctor, quoth hee, will I dub the olde squire knight of the forked order.

Thus they past on in that, till it grew late, and then Lyonello went home to his lodging and Mutio to his house, covering all his sorrowes with a merrye countenance, with full resolution to revenge them both the next day with extremitie. He past the night as patiently as he could, and the next daye, after dinner, awaye hee went, watching when it should bee four of the clocke. At the hour justly came Lyonello and was intertained with all curtesie; but scarce had they kist, ere the maide cryed out to her mistresse that her maister was at the doore; for he hasted, knowing that a horne was but a litle while in grafting. Margaret, at this alarum, was amazed, and yet for a shift chopt Lionello into a great driefatte 1 full of feathers, and sat her downe close to her woorke. By that came Mutio in blowing, and as though hee came to looke somewhat in haste, called for the keyes of his chambers, and looked in everye place, searching so narrowlye in everye corner of the house, that he left not the very privie unsearcht. Seeing he could not finde him, hee saide nothing, but, fayning himselfe not well at ease, staide at home; so that poor Lionello was faine to staye in the drifatte till.

¹ A basket.

the olde churle was in bed with his wife; and then the maide let him out at a backe doore, who went home with a flea in his eare to his lodging.

Well, the next day he went agains to meete his doctor, whome hee found in his woonted walke. What newes? quoth Mutio, how have you sped? A poxe of the olde slave, quoth Lyonello; I was no sooner in, and had given my mistrisse one kisse, but the jelous asse was at the doore; the maide spied him, and cryed her maister; so that the poore gentlewoman, for very shifte, was faine to put me in a driefatte of feathers that stoode in an olde chamber, and there I was faine to tarrie while he was in bed and a-sleepe, and then the maide let me out, and I departed. But it is no matter; 'twas but a chaunce, and I hope to crye quittance with him ere it be long. As how? quoth Mutio. Marry, thus, quoth Lionello: shee sent me woord by her maide this daye that upon Thursday next the olde churle suppeth with a patient of his a mile out of Pisa, and then I feare not but to quitte him for all. It is well, quoth Mutio; fortune bee your frende. I thanke you, quoth Lionello: and so, after a little more prattle, they departed.

To bee shorte, Thursdaye came, and about sixe of the clocke, foorth goes Mutio no further then a freendes house of his, from whence he might descrye who went into his house; straight hee sawe Lionello enter in, and after goes hee, insomuche that hee was scarcelye sitten downe, before the mayde cryed out againe, my maister comes. The goodwife, that before had provided for after-claps, had found out a privie place between two seelings of a plauncher, and there she thrust Lionello, and her husband came sweting. What news, quoth shee, drives you home againe so soone, husband? Marry, sweete wife, quoth he, a fearfull dreame that I had this night, which came to my remembrance, and that was this: me thought there was a villaine that came secretlye into my house, with a naked poinard

² A boarding.



¹ Accidents.

in his hand, and hid himselfe, but I could not finde the place; with that mine nose bled, and I came backe; and, by the grace of God, I will seeke every corner in the house for the quiet of my minde. Marry, I pray you doo, husband, quoth she. With that he lockt in all the doors, and began to search every chamber, every hole, every chest, every tub, the very well; he stabd every feather bed through, and made havocke like a mad man, which made him thinke all was in vaine; and hee began to blame his eies that thought they saw that which they did not. Upon this he rest halfe lunaticke, and all night he was very wakefull, that towards the morning he fell into a dead sleepe, and then was Lionello conveighed away.

In the morning, when Mutio wakened, hee thought how by no meanes hee should be able to take Lionello tardy: yet he laid in his head a most dangerous plot; and that was this: Wife, quoth he, I must the next Monday ride to Vycensa, to visit an olde patient of mine: till my returne, which will be some ten dayes, I will have thee staye at our little graunge house in the countrey. Marry, very well content, husband, quoth she. With that he kist her, and was verye pleasant, as though he had suspected nothing, and away hee flings to the church, where he meetes Lionello. What, sir, quoth he, what news? is your mistresse yours in possession? No, a plague of the olde slave, quoth hee. I think he is either a witch, or els woorkes by magick; for I can no sooner enter into the doores, but he is at my backe, and so he was againe yesternight; for I was not warme in my seate before the maide cryed, my maister comes; and then was the poore soule faine to conveigh me betweene two seelings of a chamber, in a fit place for the purpose, wher I laught hartely to myself too see how he sought every corner, ransackt every tub, and stabd every feather bed, but in vaine; I was safe enough till the morning, and then, when he was fast asleepe, I lept out. Fortune frownes on you, quoth Mutio. I, but I hope, quoth Lionello, this is the last time, and now shee wil begin to smile; for on Monday next he rides to Vicensa, and his wife lyes at a grange house a little of the towne, and there in his absence I will revenge all forepast misfortunes. God send it be so, quoth Mutio; and so took his leave. These two lovers longd for monday, and at last it came. Early in the morning, Mutio horst himselfe and his wife, his maide and a man, and no more, and away he rides to his grange house, wher, after he had brok his fast, he took his leave, and away towards Vicensa. He rode not far ere, by a false way, he returned into a thicket, and there, with a company of cuntry peasants, lay in an ambuscade to take the young gentleman.

In the afternoon comes Lionello galloping, and as soon as he came within sight of the house, he sent back his horse by his boy, and went easily afoot, and there, at the very entry, was entertained by Margaret, who led him up the staires, and convaid him into her bedchamber, saying he was welcome into so mean a cottage. But, quoth she, now I hope fortun shall not envy the purity of our loves. Alas! alas! mistris, cried the maid, heer is my maister, and 100 men with him, with bils and staves. We are betraid, quoth Lionel, and I am but a dead man. Feare not, quoth she, but follow me: and straight she carried him downe into a low parlor, where stoode an olde rotten chest full of writinges: she put him into that, and covered him with olde papers and evidences, and went to the gate to meet her husband.

Why, Signor Mutio, what meanes this hurly burly? quoth she. Vile and shameless strumpet as thou art, thou shalt know by and by, quoth he. Where is thy love? All we have watcht him and seen him enter in. Now, quoth he, shall neither thy tub of feathers or thy seeling serve, for perish he shall with fire, or els fall into my handes. Doo thy worst, jealous foole, quoth she, I ask thee no favour. With that, in a rage, he beset the house round, and then set fire on it. Oh, in what a perplexitie was poore Lionello in that he was shut in a chest, and the fire about his eares! and how was Margaret passionat, that knew her lover was in such danger! Yet she

made light of the matter, and, as one in a rage, called her maid to her and said: Come on, wench, seeing thy maister, mad with jelousie, hath set the house and al my living on fire, I will be revengd on him: help me heer to lift this old chest where all his writings and deeds are; let that burne first, and as soon I see that on fire I will walke towards my freends, for the old foole will be beggard, and I will refuse him. Mutio, that knew al his obligations and statutes lay there, puld her back, and bad two of his men carry the chest into the feeld, and see it were safe, himselfe standing by and seeing his house burnd downe sticke and stone. Then, quieted in his minde, he went home with his wife, and began to flatter her, thinking assuredly that he had burnt her paramour, causing his chest to be carried in a cart to his house in Pisa. Margaret, impatient, went to her mother's and complained to her and her brethren of the jealousie of her husband, who maintaned her it be true, and desired but a daies respite to proove it.

Wel, hee was bidden to supper the next night at her mother's, she thinking to make her daughter and him freends againe. In the meane time he to his woonted walk in the church, and there, præter expectationem, he found Lionello walking. Wondring at this, he straight enquires what newes. What newes, Maister Doctor, quoth he, and he fell in a great laughing; in faith yesterday I scapt a scouring, for syrrha, I went to the grangehouse, where I was appointed to come, and I was no sooner gotten up the chamber, but the magicall villeine, her husband, beset the house with bils and staves, and that he might be sure no seeling nor corner should shrowde me, he set the house on fire, and so burnt it down to the ground. Why, quoth Mutio, and how did you escape? Alas, quoth he, wel fare a woman's wit; she conveighed me into an old chest full of writings, which she knew her husband durst not burne, and so was I saved and brought to Pisa, and yesternight, by her maide, let home to my lodging. This, quoth he, is the pleasantest jest that ever I heard; and upon this I have a sute to you; I am this night

bidden foorth to supper, you shall be my guest, onelye I will crave so much favour, as after supper for a pleasant sporte, to make relation what successe you have had in your loves. For that I will not sticke, quoth he, and so he conveyed Lionello to his mother-in-lawe's house with him, and discovered to his wive's brethren who he was, and how at supper he would disclose the whole matter; For, quoth he, he knowes not that I am Margaret's husband. At this all the brethren bad him welcome, and so did the mother to, and Margaret, she was kept out of sight. Supper time being come they fell to their victals, and Lionello was carrowst unto by Mutio, who was very pleasant, to drawe him into a merry humor, that he might to the ful discourse the effect and fortunes of his love. Supper being ended, Mutio requested him to tel to the gentlemen what had hapned between him and his mistresse. Lionello, with a smiling countenance, began to describe his mistresse, the house and street where she dwelt, how he fell in love with her, and how he used the councell of this doctor, who in all his affaires was his secretarye. Margaret heard all this with a great feare, and when he came to the last point, she caused a cup of wine to be given him by one of her sisters, wherein was a ring that he had given Margaret. As he had told how he had escapt burning, and was ready to confirme all for a troth, the gentlewoman drunke to him, who taking the cup and seeing the ring, having a quick wit and a reaching head, spide the fetch, and perceived that all this while this was his lover's husband to whome hee had revealed these escapes; at this drinking the wine, and swallowing the ring into his mouth, he went forward.

Gentlemen, quoth he, how like you of my loves and my fortunes? Wel, quoth the gentlemen. I pray you is it true? As true, quoth he, as if I would be so simple as to reveal what I did to Margaret's husband; for know you, gentlemen, that I knew this Mutio to be her husband whom I notified to be my lover; and for that he was generally known through Pisa to be a jealous fool, therefore, with these tales I brought him into this paradice, which indeed are follies of mine own braine; for trust me, by the faith of a gentleman, I never spake to the woman, was never in her companye, neyther doo I know her if I see her. At this they all fell in a laughing at Mutio, who was ashamde that Lionello had so scoft him. But all was well; they were made friends; but the jest went so to his hart that he shortly after died, and Lionello enjoyed the ladye; and for that they two were the death of the old man, now are they plagued in purgatory, and he whips them with nettles.

Assoone as I had passed over these two of Pisa, I looked about and saw many more, as mad and pleasant as the rest: but my time was come that I must to the judge to be censured what punishment I should have for myself for al the mad wanton tricks that I did when I was alive. Faith, and because they knew I was a boone companion, they appointed that I should sit and play jigs al day on my tabor to the ghosts without cesing, which hath brought me into such use, that I now play far better than when I was alive; for proof thou shalt hear a hornpipe; with that, putting his pipe to his mouth, the first stroke he struck I started, and with that I waked, and saw such concourse of people through the fields, that I knew the play was doon; wherupon, rising up, and smiling at my dream, after supper took my pen, and as neer as I could set it down, but not halfe so plesantly as he spoke it; but, howsoever, take it in good part, and so farewell.

FINIS.

APPENDIX.

No. 1.

[Extracts from "The Cobler of Canterburie," an answer to, or rather, as the title-page has it, an *invective* against "The News out of Purgatorie." The edition here used is that of 1608; only one copy of which being known to exist, I have followed the original more minutely than usual, retaining the u and v in their old-fashioned places, a method I have not adopted in the other tracts, and perhaps hardly necessary in the present instance.]

The Cobler of Canterburie. Or An invective against Tarltons Newes out of Purgatorie. A merrier lest then a Clownes ligge, and fitter for Gentlemens humors. Published with the cost of a Dickar of Cowhides. London, Printed by Nicholas Okes for Nathaniel Butter, and are to be sold at the signe of the pide Bull neere to Saint Austins gate. 1608. (Sm. 4to.)

The Coblers Epistle to the Gentlemen Readers.

A Hall, a Hall, Gentlemen: roome for a Cobler, here comes the quaintest Squire in all Kent; The Cobler of Canterburie, armed with his Aull, his Lingell, and his Last, presents himselfe a iudiciall Censor of other mens writings: but me thinks for my sawcinesse, I hear Apelles boy crying, Ne Sutor vitra crepidam. If I do see his maister mend the fault in the legge, He abide their frumpes, and when he hath done, He say, this had not been corrected but for the Cobler. Becomes not many a Tinkar a tall Pratler? and haue not men of my trade waded so deepe in the secrets of Theologie that they haue sought to correct Magnificat?

and then (by your leave Gentlemē) may not the Cobler of Kent, who hath beene the patron of many good companions, and tost ouer a paire of cards at Trump¹ from morning till night, not to be admitted so far as to find fault with *Richard Tarltons Newes out of Purgatorie?* Yes; and if he that writ it will not amēd the latchet, Ile on with my night-cap and my spectacles, and make him shape the legge righter ere I haue done.

I confesse tis a Booke, and so is the Colliers Iade of Croydon a horse, as well as the Courtiers Courser; yet by my faith it hath a faire Title: but if Diogenes saw it he would cry out as he did against Minda, stop your cittie that it runne not out of the gates; and inferre a like inuectiue against the Book, for that the title containes more then the whole Pamphlet: but yet in faith there is prettie stuffe in it, but vnworthie Dick Tarltons humor: somewhere too low for iests, somwhere too high for stile: if I distinguish like a scholler, Gentlemen thinke that I was borne when the Popes butterflies were abroade; and it may be some Frier was my father, and the rather I gesse it; for that nature hath wrought that vpon my crowne, that he had on his, by Art: for before I was twentie I had a bald pate. Well howsoeuer, I have found fault, and therefore I have attempted to amend it, not in the correcting of his worke, but in setting out one more pleasant, and more full of delightfull tales for all mens humours; 2 except those which are so humorous that they count nothing gratious; but that is too grave. What? a dog hath a day: Semel in anno ridet Apollo. Longer liues a merry man then a sad; a Cobler hath lesse cares then a King; and an houre past in honest mirth, is worth a tunne full of melancholy. Why were Tauernes inuented, but to ripen mens wits? And why were tales deuised but to make men pleasant? Tush, when Redde rationem comes, I feare me there will be lesse account to be given for honest recreation, then either for the enuious practises that solemne Saturnists ruminate: or for the sundrie schismes the melancholy michers 3 do publish. If my principles be false, let no man

¹ See note, p. 82.

² Notwithstanding this egotistical opinion, the "News out of Purgatory" is altogether a far more amusing work, and better written than the "Cobler of Canterburie."

³ A truant one, who acts by stealth. See Nares, in v.

take exceptions, but passe them ouer with a smile: for tis but Coblers Philosophie. But I digresse, and therfore to my booke, wherein are contained the tales that were told in the Barge betweene Billingsgate and Grauesend: imitating herein old father Chaucer, who with the like method set out his Canterbury Tales; but as there must be admitted no compare betweene a cup of Darby ale, and a dish of durtie water: So Sir Ieffery Chaucer is so high aboue my reach, that I take Noli alium Sapere for a warning; and onely looke at him with honour and reuerence. Here is a gallimaufrie 1 of all sorts, the Gentlemen may finde Salem, to fauour their eares with iests, and Clownes plaine Dunstable dogrell2 to make them laugh, while their leather buttens flie off. When the Farmer is set in his chaire turning (in a winters evening) the crabbe 3 in the fire, here he may heare, how his sonne can read, and when he hath done, laugh while his bellie akes. The old wives that wedded themselves to the profound histories of Robin Hood Clim of the Clough,4 and worthie Sir Isembras may here learne a tale to tell amongst their gosseps. Thus haue I sought to feed all mens fancies: which if I do, was it not well done of a Cobler? If I offend, and they thinke there is in it neither rime nor reason, why a Cobler did it, and there's an end.

Farewell from 6 Shop wheresoeuer it be.



¹ A confused jumble.

² Any thing particularly unornamented, more especially language, was called *plain Dunstable*. Ray has the proverb.

³ Roasting the apple.

⁴ Ballads concerning these two outlaws will be found in Percy's Reliques.

⁵ An old metrical romance, printed by Copland, and reprinted from his edition in Mr. Utterson's "Select Pieces of Early Popular Poetry," 1817, vol. i., p. 77-112. A MS. copy, dated 1564, is in Douce MSS. which appears to be taken from some early printed edition, but has several variations from Copland's. There are at least three early copies of this romance of more authority than Copland's edition, in the Lincoln, Caius College, and Cottonian libraries.

⁶ The word "my" is here accidentally omitted.

Robin Good-fellowes Epistle.

A Cobler become a corrector! ho, ho, ho; it was not so when Robin-Goodfellow was a Ruffler and helpt the country wenches to grinde their mault: Then, Gentlemen, the Plough swaine medled with his teame: the Gentleman with his Hounde and his Haulke; the Artificer with his labour: and the Scholler with his booke: every degree contented him within his limits. But now the world is growne to that passe, that Pierce Plow-man will prie into law, nay into Diuinitie, and his duncerie must needes be doctrine: tush, what of higher powers? what of Vniuersities? the text doth put downe them, Babes and Sucklings, and no more. This makes Robin Good fellow that was so merrie a spirite of the butterie, to leane all, and keep himselfe in Purgatorie, for Hospitalitie is so cleane runne out of the countrie, that he needes not now helpe the maides to grinde their mault, for the drinke is so small, that it needs little corne: and if he should belpe them, where he was wont to finde a messe of creame for his labour, scarce get a dish of floate milke. Why, see you not how cranke1 the Cobler is, that will forsooth correct Dick Tarltons doings, a man famous in his life for merrie conceites, and especially for a booke of my publishing? well, Gentlemen, if you suffer it, and Dick Tarlton pocket it vp without reuenge or a drie blow at his breech, Robin Goodfellow makes a vow, to haunt him in his sleepe: and after his old merrie humor, so to play the knaue with the Cobler, that he shall repent he medled so far beyonde his latchet: but I will carie my friends these newes to Purgatory, where I know for anger, he will almost breake his taber, and will not rest till he haue reuenged: we will lay both our wits together, to put downe the paltring Cobler, and here I make a vow, either to get the conquest, or else neuer to come in your sight: and to say as I was wont: What, Himp and Hamp? here will I neuer more grinde nor stamp.

Yours in choller, Robin Good-fellow.

¹ Sprightly.

² Perhaps the "Dialogue" mentioned in the Introduction, p. xviii.

The Description of the Smith.

This Smith was a quaint sire, As merrie as bird on brier.1 Iocund and gleesome at euery sith,3 His countenance aye, buxome and blith, His face full coaly and full black, Hued like vnto a Colliers sacke. Or as if it had beene soile in the mier. Full of wrinkles was his cheekes with the fier Well he could sweat and swinke And one that aye loued good drinke, For hard by his Forge alwaies stood, A stond of Ale nappie and good: Which made the collour of his nose Like to the fire when it glowes: His heade great, his browes broad, Able to beare a great load, As no man might hold it scorne On his head to graft a horne. His coates were fit for the weather. His pilch made of swines leather: So was his breech, and before A dustie apron he wore: Wherein not to faile, Was many a horseshooe naile, And for to fit him enery tide, Hung an hammer by his side. Thus attired, the Smith gan say, What befell on a Sommers day.

The Smiths Tale.

Containing a pleasant iest of a lealous Cobler, and how for all his suspition, he was cunningly made Cuckold.

In Rumney Marsh by the Sea Coast, there dwelled a Cobler; a merrie fellow, and of his middle age: who was woont, on working-daies, to chaunt

¹ A very common comparison, often found in early metrical romances, and occurs also in Shakespeare, Mids. Night's Dream, act v. scene 2.

² Time.

it out at his worke, and on holydaies to bestirre his stumps in the churchyeard so merrily after a crowd,1 that he was welbeloued of all the country wenches and noted for the flower of good fellowship throughout all the parish. This Cobler keeping shop for himselfe, had in house with him an old mother of his, who being as it were his seruant, desirous to live more at ease, wisht him to take a wife: the Cobler was loth to be perswaded to mariage, and the reason was for that he feared to be a cuckold; yet at last he cast his eye on a country Lasse, that was a blithe and bonnie wench, and the chiefe of all the Maides of old Rumney: to her was this iolly Cobler a suter and after a litle wooing (as women must be got with praises and promises) the Cobler caught her, and married they must be in all haste: which done, they lived pleasantly together as fooles do presently after their wedding; but after the honnie moone was past she like a good huswife fell to her worke, to spin, and carde,2 and such other deedes of huswifery as belonged to the profite of her house: the Cobler loued her well, and shee wanted nothing that might satisfie her humour, only shee was charged by her husband, not to goe abroade a gosseping with her neighbours: in so much that either on working daies, or on holy daies, when all the wives in Rumney went to be merrie, shee was faine (as a poore prisoner) to keepe home: which although she passed ouer with silence and patience, so yet seeing his iealousie was without cause, shee vowed with herselfe if euer a friend and opportunitie serued to her minde, to make him weare the horne an inch longer then all his neighbors: but he kept her short from that, for every day when shee was at home, she sate by him in the shop where he sung like a Nightingale, having his eye neuer of his wives face, or if she sate within, her mother in law an old iealous woman bore her company; if shee went to fetch water, her mother was at her elbow; whatsoeuer she did, or whither socuer shee went, to be briefe, her husband, or his mother was at one end, which grieued the yong woman: So suspicious and iealous was the Cobler that all Rumney talked of his folly: and to vexe him as they passed by, would say to him; Ah neighbour good morrow now that you have gotten a faire wife, we hope to have you one of the brotherhode, and that the Cuckow³ in Aprill may sit and sing in your

¹ A fiddle. ² To break wool so as to make it fit for spinning.

³ A common quibble of the time. See Mids. Night's Dream, act iii., scene 1, Collier's Shakespeare, ii., 424.

house, as well as with your poore neighbours. I feare not that quoth the Cobler, let her do her worst, I will giue her leaue, meaning that he kept such narrow watch ouer her as he could neuer be deceiued, and therefore euery day his wife sitting by him when he was yearking of his shooes, and she at her wheele, then he would chat out this song.

The Cobler's Song.

When as the Nobilitie pull downe their towers, Their mansion houses and stately bowers: And with stone and timber make Hospitalls free; Then the Cobler of Rumney shall a Cuckold bee.

When Gentlemen leaue of their peacockly sutes, And that all their workes are charities fruites: Tendring the poore which needle they see, Then the Cobler, &c.

When Vsurers run vp and downe with their gold, And giue it to them from whom it was pould: And Colliers sacks ouer great you do see, Then the Cobler, &c.

When Westminster Hall is quite without benches, And Southwarke Bankeside hath no prettie wenches, ¹ When in Smithfield on Fridayes no iades you can see, Then the Cobler, &c.

When Maides hate marriage, and loue to liue chaste, Virgins forsooth till fourescore be past: And loue not that yong men their beautie should see, Then the Cobler, &c.

¹ It was here that the Bishop of Winchester exercised his jurisdiction over the frail ones of the fair sex. The original regulations of the stews in Southward, on vellum, of the fifteenth century, are still preserved in the Bodleian Library, a fact I do not remember having been yet mentioned in the numerous notices of this notorious locality.

When wives are not wilfull, but needes will obay, When silent and speechlesse they sit a whole day: When Gossips do meete, and no words will be, Then the Cobler, &c.

When womens tongues do cease for to wagge, And shoomakers give not their maisters the bagge: When Cuckold and Keepers want hornes for their fee, Then the Cobler, &c.

When Tapsters and Ale-wives from Barwick to Douer, Fill thirdingdeall¹ pots till the drinke run over; When the quart is so full that no froth you can see, Then the Cobler, &c.

When Smiths forsweare to drinke of strong ale: And line without liquor whiles their nose be pale: When in Vintners wine no mixture you see, Then the Cobler, &c.

When Dutch-men hate butter, and the Spaniards pride, When Cardinals do want a Trull by their side: When the Pope like Peter humble you see, Then the Cobler, &c.

Euery day did the Cobler vse to sing this song, and there dwelled next vnto him a Smith that was a tall and a yong lustic fellow, proper of personage, of a comely visage, curteous, gentle, and debonaire, such a one as this Coblers wife could have wished to her Paramour, if time and opportunitie would have fauoured her fancie: and the Smith seeing what a smicker² wench the Coblers wife was, and what a icalous foole shee had to her husband, sorrowed at the good fortune of the Cobler, that he had so faire a wife, and wished that hee could finde meanes to have such a one his friend. Upon this, beeing next neighbors, and their houses ioyning together, the Smith would oftentimes (when his leysure served him) come

¹ A measure containing about three pints.

² Wanton.

to the Coblers shop and talke with him; where between the Smith and the Coblers wife passed such glances, that he perceiuing there was no want, but place and opportunity to fulfill their desires. One day amongst the rest Fortune so fauoured this yong couple, that the Cobler went forth to buy leather, and left his mother and his wife in the shop: the old woman not hauing slept the last night, was heavie and fell asleepe, and the yong woman sate singing at her worke. The Smith perceiuing this, laid by his hammers and went to the stall, where he saluted his neighbour, and she returned him the like curtesie.

At last, seeing the old beldame was sure, he began to reueale vnto her how long he had loued her, and how he was sory that she was combred with such a one, as for his icalousic about all other men deserted to be made a cuckold: sundry speeches past betweene the Smith and the Coblers wife, till at last shee rose, and gaue him her hand, that shee loued him better than any man in the world, and would (if any occasion would serue) euer striue to content him. Then sweet heart, quoth he, do me but this fauour, faine to morrow some occasion to go to your mothers, and come on the further side of the way fast by such a doore, and then let me alone for opportunitie to satisfie both our desires. To this she agreede, and the Smith went to his shoppe; presently the olde woman awaked, the Cobler came home, and all was well.

At night, when they were in bed, taking him about the necke, she kist him, and told him that certaine of her friends met to morrowe at her mothers, and that shee would faine goe and see them; I pray you, good husband, quoth she, let your mother and I go together, I will not part out of her sight, neither will we make any long tariance: the husband for shame could not deny this request, but granted it: whereupon the next morning she got her vp, and on with her holy day apparell, and made her as fine as fine might bee. The Cobler seeing his wife so trickt vp in her cleane linnen, beganne to bee icalous, and called his mother aside, and charged her by that loue she bare him, not to let his wife part out of her companie till she came home againe, which she promised with an oath: so away they went, and the Cobler hee sate him downe and began to sing.

The Smith that all this day was not idle, had compounded with an olde

woman, by whose house she must passe, to fauour them with house roome, and reuealed vnto her all the matter: whose wife it was, and how he would have his purpose brought to passe: by my troth sonne quoth she, I have hard much talke of that iealous cobler, and I would do my endeuour to make the asse weare a horne; vpon this they resolued and she lik't well of his policie, and said loue had many shiftes: at last, the Smith spied his mistresse all in her brauerie, comming with her mother-in-lawe: the old wife was ready, and as she past by the doore, threw a great bowle full of bloudy water right vpon her head, that all her clothes and cleane linnen was marred, being so berayed 1 that she could go no further. Alas mistresse quoth the old woman, I crye you mercie, what haue I done? full sore it was against my will: but for Gods sake come into the house, and shift you with cleane linnen: if you have none at home I will lend you of the best that I haue: goe in daughter, quoth her old mother in law, it is a chaunce, and against a shrewde turne sometime no man may be: Ile go home as fast as I can, and go fetch you cleane linnen, the whiles drie you your gowne, and make all things else ready. I pray you do, good mother, quoth she, and then away goes her mother in law: and as soone as she was out of doores, the old woman led her into an inward parlor where the Smith was: and there these two louers by this policie made the iealous cobler weare the horne.

Whiles thus they were solacing themselues the old wife she came stumbling home, and for hast had like to breake her necke ouer the threshold, her fall made the cobler start: and when he saw it was his mother, and that he missed his wife, he was halfe mad, asked his mother hastily where she was: the old woman short winded, was almost out of breath, and for a good space sate puffing and blowing to fetch winde, at last shee cryed out: also deere sonne such a chaunce as neuer was heard of, as we went through old Rumney, hard by the church, a woman threw out a bowle of bloudy water right vpon your wives heade, which hath so berayed her linnen and her gowne, that she could go no further, and so I as fast as I could came running home for cleane clothes: oh for the passion of God mother quoth he, hie to her chest, and get her cloathes ready, for it may be a fetch to make the poore Cobler a Cuckold; a horne mother is soone grafted: with that the old woman got all in a readinesse, and away ran the Cobler and his

1 Dirtied.

mother togeither. Well the two louers out of a little hole kept good watch and warde, that anone they spied where the Cobler and his mother came trudging: in went his wife, and sate her downe by the fire, where the cobler founde her only sitting with the old woman in her peticoate, drying her gowne: as soone as she saw him she wept: and he although he grieued at the mischance, yet for that he spied her in no company, he was satisfied and wisht her to be content, and sent for a pot of beere or two to make her drinke: and after he had seene all well, and his wife in her cleane apparrell setting them a little on the way; home he went againe to his shop, and his wife went to her mothers, where an houre or two she past away the time in chat, and then returned home with her mother in law. Thus the cobler was not suspitious of his wives beeing abroad, but tooke her misfortune for a chaunce, and the Smith euery day according to his woonted custome, would come and chatte with his neighbour the cobler, and sometimes founde opportunitie to talke with the wife, but neuer out of the shop: on a day the cobler being from home and the old woman within peecing of her hose, the Smith came to the shop, and finding her alone began to lay a plot, how to make her husband a cuckold, while he held the doore, shee promist if he would deuise it, she would put it in practise, and so agreed they concluded betweene themselues, and they brought it cunningly to passe thus.

It chaunced within a fortnight after, that as the cobler and his wife lay in bed, shee fell on a great laughter, her husbande demanding the cause, she made him this answer: I will tell you husband a strange thing: so it is, that this other day, when you went to buy leather, my mother and I sate in the shop, and she fel fast asleep, your neighbour the Smith he (as his custome is) came to the windowe, and seeing my mother asleepe began to court me with faire words and large promises, and told mee, that if I would finde the meanes, that when you were out, I would let him lye with me, he would giue me fortie shillings. I shakt him off as well as I could, but he would have no nay at all, but threw foure angels into my lappe, wherevpon I tooke the golde, for me thought they were foure faire peeces, and promised him that to morrow you went foorth and my mother too, and then he should finde me alone in the chamber. Upon this hee went away, and left me the gold, and therfore if it please you, tomorrow



¹ A coin worth ten shillings.

I thinke good you should faine your selfe to go abroade and my mother too, and then hide you in a chamber hard by, and as soone as he is come in you may stand at the doore, and heare all our talke and when you heare mee consent, then breake in, and take the Smith, and swinge him well, and I warrant you husband, there will diverse commodities rise of it: for not only we shal have this gold, and get more for amends; but euer after be rid of such a knaue. This motion pleased the Cobler well, and the rather because the Smith profest to be his great friende, and yet would seeke to do him such disgrace: vpon this conclusion they resolued and so fell asleep. The next day in the afternoone, the Cobler fained himselfe to go out, and his mother with him, and after comming home, at a backe doore went vp into the next chamber and hid themselues. and by according to promise came the Smith: and went roundly vppe to the chamber where he found the coblers wife: wherefore strait shutting the doore with a boult on the inside, hee fell to sett vppe plumes on the Coblers head-peece, the cobler he very easily got to the doore with a great pollax in his hand, and began to listen: with that hee heard the Smith offer faire to his wife: nay (quoth she) I have kept promise with you, for I onely promised to let you vp into my chamber: tush quoth he, this is but a cauill, and many words past betweene them: the Cobler and his mother standing at the doore, with her nay, and his yea, till the Cobler had a new browe-antler growne out of his old hornes; and then she answered him, seeing nothing would content him, hee should have his pleasure: with that the Cobler was ready to rush in, but that his mother staid him and bid him heare further: and doest thou meane good faith, quoth the Smith? yes, wherefore els (quoth the coblers wife) came we into this place: why then (quoth the Smith) heare what I will say to thee: Doest thou thinke, though we be heere in secret, that our falts will not be seene openly: that though thy husband knowes not of it and that it is kept close from the world, that there is not one aboue that sees all, and will reuenge it: yes vilde strumpet as thou art, and for this cause came I to trie thee: thou hast an honest man to thy husband, who loues thee more deerly then himselfe and works hard to suffer thee that thou shalt not want, and wilt thou in his absence wrong him: thinke if euer thou dost it, it will come out, and thou shalt be reuenged with open shame: I am thy husbands deerest friend, with whom I am dayly conversant, and doest thou think I could find in my hart to offer him such iniury: no: and then art not thou

more to blame, that being the wife of his bosome, wilt betray thy husband, who is deerer to thee then all friends: fie vpon thee vild woman, fare thee wel and amend? I will not yet tell thy husband, vnlesse I spie thee prooue light, but I shal neuer thinke well of thee while I liue and with that he opened ye chāber doore, and the cobler chopt in, and taking the smith by ye hand, said neighbor I thank you for your good counsell; I haue heard all ye comunicatio yt past betweene you and my wife, and truely: and with that the Cobler wept, I am heartily glad I have such a trustie friend to whom in my absence at any time, because my mother is an old woman, I may commit the ouersight of my wife: and truely neighbour quoth he, I pray you thinke neuer the worse of her, for she told me the whole matter, and appointed me to stand at the doore, that when you should have offered her any discurtesie, I might have rusht in and haue taken you: so that I perceive you are as honest as she, and shee as honest as you, and that your meanings were both alike. I am glad of that, quoth the Smith, that you have so vertuous a wife, I hope I have done the part of a friend, to pleasure my neighbour: you have done so, quoth the Cobler, and therefore ere we part, weele drinke a quart of wine. So the Cobler bestowed good cheere on the Smith, and euer after accompted him for his friend, and whensoeuer he went out of towne, committed the charge of his wife to the Smith, who at all times had free egresse and regresse to the Coblers house without suspition.

The Description of the old woman.

Crooked was this beldame for age,
Huffe shouldred and of a wrinckled visage.
And as her backe and necke was crooked,
So was her nose long and hooked.
Many furrowes in her brow,
Hairy and bristled like a sow.
She had a large tawny face,
And therein an ill fauoured grace.
She was mouthed like a sparrow,
Gated like a wheele-barrow,

¹ The very common old form of *vile*, to add one more note to twenty of Mr. Dyce's on this word.

And of a long time beforne,1 Not a tooth in her head had she borne; Yet could she chew good Ale, For her nose was nothing pale, But with swinking at her will, She looked red about the gill: Mickle 2 talke she had, and mickle chat, When with her Gosseps she sat, That threescore yeeres before, The bell for Gossiping she bore; Her apparrell was after the elder beere, Her cassocke aged some fiftie yeere; Gray it was and long beforne, The wooll from the threedes it was worne: A thrumbe hat she had of red. Like a bushell on her head. Her kercher hung from vnder her cap, With a taile like a flie flap,3 And tyed it fast with a whim wham,4 Knit vp againe with a trim tram, Much like an Ægiptian; Her sleeues blew, her traine behind, With siluer hookes was tucked I find. Her shooes broade and forked before; No such I saw of yore. This beldame on her merrie pin, Began her tale with this gin.

The old wives tale.

Containing the wily sleights of a wanton wife, and how both cunningly and craftily to the safegard of her owne honestie, and her husband's discredit, she shifted her louer.

In a farre country there dwelled sometime a Gentleman of good parentage, called Signior Mizaldo, who had to his wife a very faire and beauti-

- ¹ Before. This is the usual old form of the word.
- ² Much.

- ⁸ A horse net.
- ⁴ An odd device. The word *trim tram* in the next line is of a similar meaning.

full Gentlewoman. And as the beastes most greedily gaze at the Panthers skin, and the birds at the Peacocks plumes: so every faire feminine face is an adamant to draw ye object of mens eyes to behold the beauties of women: experience proued it true in the wife of Mizaldo: for she beeing a woman of singular perfection and proportion, was generally looked on and liked of all, but fauoured and loued especially of a young Gentleman called Peter, dealing with such secrecie, that they continually satisfied their desires without giving Signior Mizaldo the least occasion of suspition: and the meanes that they performed it with such secrecie was this. Euery weeke twise her husband rid from home about certaine his affaires, and she very artificially neare to the high way, that leads to the towne where Peter lay, had placed an Asses head vpon a tree, and when her husband was gone forth, she turned the head towards the towne, but when he was at home, then she alwaies had it looking to her owne house; vsing herein (as some thought) an embleame, saying when she turned the Asses head forth, that the Asse her Husband with the long-horning eares was gone from home, and when it stood towards the house, that the asse kept his chamber: but whatsoeuer in this her conceite was, Peter alwaies knew when to come, and euer when Myzaldo was from home resorted to his house. Now it chaunced that certaine boyes comming by, and seeing the Asses head stand there, threw stones at it, and hit it so often that at last they turned the asses head towardes the town: which Peter walking abroad and spying thought that Mizaldo had bin gone from home and therfore at night walked towards the louers house, and comming to the doore finding it shut, according to his accustomed maner knockt, the good wife awakt: heard him and was sore afraid that her husband should heare him, and so lay still: by and by he knockt againe more lowde: Mizaldo awoke, hearing this, asked his wife who it was that rapt at the doore, or what that knocking meant? Oh husband quoth she be still it is a foule spirit that haunts this house, and yet hitherto we neuer durst reueale it, and it hath, thankes be to God, bin your good fortune neuer to heare it Mizaldo richer farre then he was wise, beleeued his wife, and askt her if it had done any harme, no quoth she for I had learnd a charm to send it hence. Frier Rowlad learnd it me: and if it knocke againe you and I will go downe together: and I will say my charm and so we shall liue at rest: Peter that thought some other friend had bin with his leman, taking it in scorn that her husband as he thought being from

¹ Lover.

home he should not bee let in, knockt again amain. With that Mizaldo and his wife arose, lighted a candle and went downe to the doore where Peter was: then she wisht her husband to kneele downe vpon his knees while she said the charme: with that she began thus.

Spirit, spirit, get thee hence, For here is no residence: Here thou maist not be This night to trouble me: For my husband and I Safe in our beds must lie. Therefore from hence go, And trouble me no mo.

Now husband, quoth she, spit: and with that he spit: and Peter laught heartily and wisht hee might spitte out his teeth for being at home: This charme said she thrice ouer, and every time made him spit, that Peter might bee assuredly perswaded that her husband was at home. Upon this Mizaldo and his wife went to bed, and heard the spirit no more: for Peter went laughing home to his lodging. Mizaldo could not sleep this night nor many nights after but stil marueling what this spirit should be, lay awake. Peter yt once or twice thus was deceived of the asse head, because by som cotrary mishap it was turnd, deuised thus yt euery night when Mizaldos wife went to bed she shold ty a string to her toe, and then leave the end of it at the doore, so that when Peter came he might wake her, and the if she puld ye string again and tied it fast, her husbad was from home; if she let it slip, then he was in bed. Thus by the meanes of this string Mizaldo was oft made cuckold and sometimes whe her husbad was at home and in his sound sleep, if Peter puld the string she wold rise and go down to him to yo doore. At last so thus this game continued, that Mizaldos wife being fast asleep and he rising to find the chamberpot stumbled ypon the string, and wondring what it ment, or to what end, groped easily, and found it tied to his wives toe, and from thence reacht to ye doore, he as simple as he was conjectured that this was done to make him cuckold, and therefore for that night said nothing: but against the next night had prouided a great Partizan 1 by his bed side: and when his wife

¹ A kind of weapon like a halbert.



was fast asleep he vntyed the string, and tied it to his owne toe: he had not slumbred a little, but hee felt the string pull easily, wherevpon he puld againe, and then Peter thought assuredly that he was gone from home, whereupon he knockt. Then did Mizaldo rise, put on his clothes, and tooke the partizan in his hand, and downe hee went rustling that his wife wakt, and hearing him go downe so easily, felt for the string that was at her toe, and mist it, whereupon she perceived her husband had found out the deceit, and whipping out of the bed, ran downe the staires: with that Mizaldo opened the doore and thought to have taken Peter, but he having a glance of him being in a darke night came away, and Mizaldo after him, and raised the watch, yet was Peter so light of foot that he outran the al and escapt. Mizaldos wife fearing the worst ran vp again to her maid, and wild her to go to her bed, and lie there, and to abide whatsoeuer her husband should do to her, and she wold give her a new gowne and a new peticote: the wench was content, and went to her maisters bed; scarce was she warm there, but vp came Mizaldo in a great rage, and straight laying down his partizan, fell to beating of his wife, and with a whipcord al to-lasht her body, that the blood ran down the sheets, and when he had done, in the dark groped, and found a paire of sheares and clipt of all the haire of her head, and that done opened the doore and went his way. The wench almost kild with blowes and sore pained with smart, lay stil as one in a trance: but as soon as euer Mizaldo was gone his wife arose, and shut the doore, and came to the wench, where she comforted and washt her, and anoynted her, putting on cleane linnen vpon her, and laid cleane sheets on the bed, and so sate down discontented at her work: no sooner did ye day breake but Signior Mizaldo went with all speed to his mother in law, and there reuealed to her and to his wives brethren, how his wife had dealt with him and how he had reuenged her: yet not sufficiently, but was fully resolued to bring her this day before the magistrate, and so absolutly to make a diuorce; the mother fell a weeping, and knowing her owne fault when she was young intreated her sonnes yt they would make a peace and attonement betweene their sister and her husband, they fell to exclaime against her, and said seeing she was by her lightnes ye discredit of her house they wold be the first and the formost in punishing such grosse offeces. Upon this they went home with Mizaldo to his house, and there comming vp the staires, they found their sister sitting very sad, the husband fround, and brethren scolded, but the mother whom nature more neerely toucht

said, what cheer daughter? what stir is this between your husband and you? what stir quoth her daughter? mary I would you and my brethre had gon to my burying whe you went to my marriage, to wed me to a drunkard that all day goes out about whores and curtezans: and at night comes home late and perhaps not all night, as he hath done now, and so do I sit all day comfortles, and lie in the night like a widow while he is abroad with his strumpets. And quoth the mother, he is this morning come to your brethren and me, with an outcry against you, yt this night he tooke you with a lemmon at the doore, and how he found it out by a string tied to your toe. Fie on him drunkard (quoth she) these are his dreames when he lies tipled in the tauerne: but I maruel where he hath bin to night: Mary dame said he, I fear me your flesh and your bones know too wel, for I thinke you have not one free spot on your body, I so whipt you for your whordom, and I think ye sheets in the bed can witnes, and the haire I cut off your head can testifie. Now mother (quoth she) and good brethrē, see whether this be an arrant drunkard, or not, yt tel these fables, saying he beate me so this night, when he toucht me not, nor before this time since yesterday, came within these doores: where he saies the sheets are bloody, see brethren, see, they are cleane: for my skin, take view of it, if it be any way toucht: and for my haire, see how faire and long it is: how hath he the done these pranks? alas, alas, he hath falne amongst his whores in his drunkennes, and hath vsed them so, and now to the slander of me, to the dishonor of my friends, and the perpetuall infamy of our house, he hath thus (without cause) reuiled me, where ye see his own lying tog codemnes him. Mizaldo seeing neither his wifes hair cut nor her body any way bruised, fel into a great dump, wodring whether he dreampt it, or no, insomuch, yt at last he askt: why wife, was I not this night at home? At home? in faith sir no, but with some of your drabs, and I think you came home drunk. At this doubtful demand, her brethren began to take her part, and seeing what he said was false, and all her speeches probable, they rayled on him in most bitter termes, and told him, in that he had maried their sister who was an honest woman, and by all meanes sought to depriue her of her good name (without cause) who shold be ye protector of her honor they would not put it vp vnreuenged, but would to the vttermost do to him what iniury ye extremity of the law would affoord.

Upon this, the man seing how in all things his wife had disproued him

thought assuredly that he was not at home the last night, and therefore desired her to pardon him, and he would neuer after be taken in the like offence, and so vpon that, by her mother and her brethren they were made friends, and euer after Peter and she with lesse suspition enjoyed their loues.¹

The Sumner having told his tale, the people commended the great deuotion of the Abbot, wishing all icalous fooles to passe the like purgatorie. The Cobler he commended all, and said, that they were now welcome to Grauesend: euery man to his purse and lookt in it for his twopence to pay his fare: and when they had done they rose, and went into the towne to drinke: and because they went most of them to Canterburie, they went all to one Inne, where they began to descant and discourse of the tales that had past: I can (quoth the Cobler) remember them all, and very neere verbatim collect and gather them together: which by the Grace of God gentlemen, I meane to do, and then to set them out in a pamphlet vnder mine owne name, as an inuectiue against Tarltons newes out of Purgatorie: and then if you please to send to the Printer, I wil leaue a token that every one of you that told a tale shall have a booke for his labor. In the meane time, till I have perfected it, ile lay my Coblers stoole aside, and my selfe become an Author, and I hope you shall find me so sufficient in mine english, that if I should study, you wold report, I might for my vaine, match Lilly, Greene, or any other in excellency of prose: at this they all laught, payd their shot, and went with the merie Cobler towards Canterburie.

FINIS.

No. 2.

[The following ballad affords the earliest notice of Tarlton yet discovered, and would almost seem to give some grounds for conjecturing that Tarlton at this period was well known as a writer of ballads. Mr. Collier appears inclined to think that his name may have been affixed to it merely for the purpose of increasing its sale. It was first printed by Mr. Collier in his very curious collection of Old Ballads, edited for the

¹ A tale turning on a similar deception occurs in "Westward for Smelts," 4to., Lond., 1620.

Percy Society in 1840, p. 78-84, from which work it is here taken. Mr. Collier observes there was another ballad published on the same subject, and the terrific flood has also been chronicled by Stowe.]

A very lamentable and wofull discours of the fierce fluds whiche lately flowed in Bedfordshire, in Lincolnshire, and in many other places, with the great losses of sheep and other cattel, the 5. of October, 1570.

All faithful harts come waile, Com rent your garments gay, Els nothing can prevaile To turn Gods wrath away.

Of waters fierce and fel,
And fluds both huge and hie,
You may report and tel
Of places far and nye.

Of monsters very rare,

That are unseemly borne,

Whiche dooth at large declare

We live as men forlorne.

We live and linger stil,
We wander quite astray,
We want true Christians skil,
To guide us in the way.

Ful straunge unseemly sights
We may beholde and see,
What mis-deformed wights
Of women borne there bee.

Ouse bridge was lately lost,
By force of roring streame,
Which many a crowne hath cost,
In this our English realme.

Why should I make delay, Reciting of such acts? What need I more to say Of vice and worldly facts?

As erst I did pretend,
So forward will I glide,
To tell the totall end,
What hapned at this tide.

By rushing rivers late,
In Bedford town, no nay,
Ful many a woful state
May yeeld to fast and pray.

At twelve a clock at night,

It flowde with such a hed,
Yea, many a woful wight
Did swim in naked bed.¹

Among the rest there was

A woful widow sure,

Whome God did bring to passe
The death she did procure.

Widow Spencer by name:
A sleep she being fast,

¹ A person undressed and in bed was formerly said to be in naked bed. See Nares in v. Nightgowns were not introduced before the sixteenth century, and even then most persons slept without any night linen. See a curious instance of this in Armin's Nest of Ninnies, p. 24. So also Shakespeare:—

"Who sees his true-love in her naked bed,

Teaching the sheets a whiter hue than white."

Venus and Adonis, ap. Collier, p. 385.

The flud so rashly came, That she aloft was cast.

Which seeing started up,
Regarding small her pelf,
She left beside her bed,
And so she drownd her self.

The houses very strong,

The cattel great and small,
Were quickly laid along,

And so they perisht all.

The geldings tall and brave, In stables rashly roules: The churche was over flowed In Bedford, named Poules.

The gardens round about,

The sheep in marsh or feeld,

The river was so stout

They knew not where to sheeld.

The kine and oxen, to,

Were all drowned by force,
They west not what to doo,
It had so small remorse.

O Lord, this flud was straunge, And none occasion why; The weather did not chaunge, The wind was nothing hie.

There was no store of raine,
But very little sure,
That wee should thus sustaine
The losse we did endure.

The arke of father Noy
Was had in minde as than,
When God did clene destroy
Both woman, childe and man.

But that he promis made,
When he did heer remaine,
The world should never vade 1
By waters force againe;

Els would we then have thought

The dreadful day of doome

Had been both shape and wrought

To drown us all and some.

Upon the Saboth day
We were amazed all;
In church we could not pray,
But in the judgement hall.

We were assembled there,
With praiers most devout
To God, with many a tere,
To tame this river stout.

No horse nor man could passe
Of busines small or post,
For issue none there was,
No way but to be lost.

In Bedford town, I knowe,
This many score of yeeres,
Did never rivers flowe,
To bring us in such feares.

By chaunce I came in place, This great mischaunce to tel,

1 Fade.

To end our crooked race What fortune late befel.

Which tale no sooner doon,

Two men along did walke;

Betwixt us we begon

To raise some further talke.

What cuntrey men they were, I did request to knowe: They said of Lincoln shire, The certen trueth is so.

Quod they, your losse is small, But one hath lost her life: He askt what dame she was? I said one Spencer's wife.

In Lincoln shire (he said)
We have sustaind great losse:
Our stomacks are decaide,
That late so frolick was.

Our cattel in like case

Are drownd and cast away;

For oure offence in every place

The dum beasts truly pay.

We have not scaped so:

Both widow, man, and wife,
Since first this flud did flowe,
Have gained losse of life.

When that the waters seast,¹
As I and more doo knowe,
Ther did from skies discend
A great and greevous snowe.

¹ Ceased.

And so we parted then,

Bewailing both together,

Like poor and out cast men,

This sudden chaunge of wether.

Let us therefore for shame

Let vice no more be seene,

And eke our selves to frame,

To serve a-right our Queen.

Finis. Qd. Richard Tarlton.

Imprinted at London at the long shop adjoyning unto Saint Mildreds Churche in the Pultrye by John Allde. 1570.

No. 3.

[The following is extracted from a rare tract by Chettle, called "Kind-Harts Dreame," published (without date) at the close of the year 1592, or the commencement of 1593. Tarlton was then one of Chettle's "deceased friends." The apparitions of Greene, Tarlton, and others, appear to Kind-Hart in a dream, and leave with him "several bills invective against abuses raigning," enjoining him to awake and publish them to the world. Kind-Hart awakes, and the appearance of the papers confirms his dream "to bee no fantisie." The following is given as Tarlton's contribution.

To all maligners of honest mirth Tarleton wisheth continuall melancholy.

Now, maisters, what say you to a merrie knave, that for this two years day hath not beene talkt of. Wil you give him leave, if he can, to make ye laugh? What all a mort? no merry countenance? Nay, then, I see hypocrisie hath the upper hand, and her spirit raignes in this profitable generation. Sith it is thus, He be a time-pleaser. Fie uppon following plaies, the expence is wondrous; upon players speeches, their wordes are full of wyles; uppon their gestures, that are altogether wanton.

¹ Spiritless. See the Taming of the Shrew, act iv., sc. 3.

Is it not lamentable that a man should spende his two pence 1 on them in an afternoone, heare covetousnes amongst them daily quipt at, being one of the commonest occupations in the countrey, and in lively gesture see trecherie set out, with which every man now adaies useth to intrap his brother? Byr lady,² this would be lookt into; if these be the fruites of playing, tis time the practisers were expeld.

Expeld, quoth you? that hath been pretily performd, to the no smal profit of the Bouling-allyes in Bedlam and other places, that were wont in the afternoones to be left empty by the recourse of good fellows unto that unprofitable recreation of stage-playing.

And it were not much amisse, would they joine with the dicing-houses to make sute againe for their longer restraint, though the sicknesse cease.³ Is not this well saide (my maisters) of an olde buttond cappe, that hath most part of his life liv'd uppon that against which hee inveighs? Yes, and worthily.

But I have more to say than this: is it not greate shame, that the houses of retaylers neare the townes end, should be, by their continuance impoverished? Alas! good hearts, they pay great rentes, and pittie it is but they be provided for.

While playes are usde, halfe the day is by most youthes that have libertie, spent uppon them, or, at least, the greatest company drawne to the places where they frequent. If they were supprest, the flocke of young people would bee equally parted. But now the greatest trade is brought into one street. Is it not as faire a way to Myle-end by White-chappell, as by Shorditch to Hackney? The sunne shineth as clearly in the one place as in the other; the shades are of a like pleasure; onely this is the fault, that by overmuch heat sometime they are in both places infectious.

- ¹ "Thames is as broade as it was ever, Poules Steeple stands in the place it did before, and twopence is the price for going in to a newe playe there."—Cuck-Queanes and Cuckolds Errants, p. 10. See also Collier's Annals of the Stage, iii., 344. In a MS. play called "The Wizard," in MS. Addit. 10306, the twelvepensy seat is mentioned.
 - ² A common diminutive for By our Lady.
- ³ It is scarcely necessary to observe that the theatres were closed during a plague.

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As well in this as other things there is great abuse; for in every house where the venerian virgins are resident, hospitalitie is quite exiled; such fines, such taxes, such tribute, such customs, as (poore soules) after seven yeares service in that unhallowed order, they are faine to leave their sutes for offerings to the olde Lenos that are shrine-keepers, and themselves (when they begin to break) are faine to seeke harbour in an hospitall; which chaunceth not (as sometime is thought) to one amongst twentie, but hardly one amongst a hundred have better ending. And therefore seeing they live so hardly, its pitie players should hinder their takings a peny.

I, marry, (saies Baudeamus, my quondam host) well, faire olde Dicke, that worde was well plac'd; for thou knowst our rentes are so unreasonable that except wee cut and shave, and poule, and prig, we must return non est inventus at the quarter day.

For is not this pittifull: I am a man now as other men be, and have liv'd in some shire of England, till all the country was wearie of mee. I come up to London, and fall to be some tapster, hostler, or chamber-laine in an inne.

Well, I get mee a wife; with her a little money; when we are married, seeke a house we must; no other occupation have I but to be an ale-draper; the landlord wil have fortie pound fine, and twenty marke a yeare; I and mine must not lie in the street; he knows by honest courses I can never paye the rent. What should I say? Somwhat must be done; rent must be paid, duties discharg'd, or we undone. To bee short, what must be shall be: indeede sometimes I have my Landlordes countenance before a justice, to cast a cloake over ill-rule, or els hee might seeke such another tenant to pay his rent so truly.

Quaintly concluded (Peter Pandar); somewhat yee must bee, and a bawd³ ye will bee. I, by my troth, sir, why not I as well as my neighbors, since there's no remedy. And you, sir, find fault with plaies. Out

¹ Alluding to the severe regulations of the stews. See. p. 113.

² "So that nowe hee hath lefte brokery, and is become a draper. A draper, quoth Freeman, what draper, of woollin or linnen? No, qd he, an ale-draper, wherein he hath more skil then in the other."—The Discoverie of the Knights of the Poste, 1597.

⁵ A keeper of a brothel.

upon them, they spoile our trade, as you your selfe have proved. Beside, they open our crosse-biting, our conny-catching, our traines, our traps, our gins, our snares, our subtilties: for no sooner have we a tricke of deceipt, but they make it common, singing jigs and making jeasts of us, that everie boy can point out our houses as they passe by.

Whither now, Tarlton? this is extempore; out of time, tune and temper. It may be well said to me:

Stulte, quid hæc faris, &c.
Rusticus ipse, tuis malus es, tibi pessimus ipsi.²

Thy selfe once a player, and against players, nay, turne out the right side of thy russet coate, and lette the world know thy meaning. Why thus I meane, for now I speake in sobernes. Every thing hath in itselfe his vertue and his vice: from one selfe flower the bee and spider sucke honny and poyson. In plaies it fares as in bookes; vice cannot be reproved except it be discovered: neither is it in any play discovered, but there followes in the same an example of the punishment; now he that at a play will be delighted in the one, and not warned by the other, is like him that reads in a booke the description of sinne, and will not looke over the leafe for the reward. Mirth, in seasonable time taken, is not forbidden by the austerest sapients.

But indeede there is a time of mirth, and a time of mourning, which time having been by the magistrats wisely observed, as well for the suppressing of playes, as other pleasures, so likewise a time may come when honest recreation shall have his former libertie. And lette Tarleton intreate the young people of the cittie, either to abstaine altogether from playes, or at their comming thither to use themselves after a more quiet order.

In a place so civill as this cittie is esteemed, it is more than barbarously rude to see the shamefull disorder and routes that sometime in such publike meetings are used.

The beginners are neither gentlemen, nor citizens, nor any of both their servants, but some lewd mates that long for innovation; and when

¹ Cheating. See Nares in v.

² This is also quoted in Clarke's *Phraseologia*, 1697, but I do not know the original author of it. It does not look very classical.

they see advantage, that either servingmen or apprentises are most in number, they will be of either side; though indeed they are of no side, but men beside all honestie; willing to make boote of cloakes, hats, purses, or what ever they can lay holde on in a hurley burley. These are the common causers of discord in publike places. If otherwise it happen (as it seldome doth) that any quarrell be between man and man, it is far from manhood to make so publike a place their field to fight in: no men will doe it but cowardes that would faine be parted, or have hope to have manie partakers.

Nowe to you that maligne our moderate merriments, and thinke there is no felicitie but in excessive possession of wealth, with you I would ende in a song, yea, an extempore song on this theme, Ne quid nimis necessarium: but I am now hoarse, and troubled with my taber and pipe; beside, what pleasure brings musicke to the miserable? Therefore, letting songes passe, I tell them in sadnes however playes are not altogether to be commended; yet some of them do more hurt in a day than all the players (by exercizing theyr profession) in an age. Faults there are in the professors, as other men; this the greatest, that divers of them, beeing publike in everie ones eye, and talkt of in every vulgar mans mouth, see not how they are seene into, especially for their contempt, which makes them among most men most contemptible. Of them I will say no more, of the profession, so much hath Pierce Pennilesse (as I heare say) spoken, that for mee there is not any thing to speake. So, wishing the chearefull, pleasaunce endlesse; and the wilfull, sullen sorrow till they surfet; with a turne on the toe I take my leave.

Richard Tarleton.

CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS.

Page x, line 9. His.] For "his" read "the."

Page xi, note 1. He was discharged from this office.] This statement has been generally adopted, founded probably on Bohun's anecdote at p. xxix. His will, however, proves he was a groom of the chamber at the time of his death.

Page xxxi, line 34. Uppon on Medcalfe.] There is another copy of this anecdote in MS. Ashmole, 36, 37, p. 142.

Page xxxv, line 1. The original plat.] This is the only plat remaining in Dulwich College, out of four described by Malone and Steevens. See Collier's Annals of the Stage, iii., 394. The three others have recently been added to the British Museum, MS. Addit. 10449.

Page 15, line 1. Why he made hornes at him.] "Ciron: m. A hand-worme. Mais dont me vient ce ciron icy entre ces deux doigts? But whence comes this worme betweene these two fingers? A knavish question from as knavish an action; to put the forefinger of one hand betweene the first and second finger of the other, under pretence that a worme makes the place itch, but with a purpose to make hornes at the partie of whom the question is asked."—Cotgrave.

Page 61, line 6. Blacke Sanctus.] See Cotgrave, in v. Tintamarre, and the "Metamorphosis of Ajax," 1596.

Page 66, note 1. Under exactly the same form.] This note was written from memory, but, on referring to Boccacio, I find the tale to be exactly the same, and evidently taken from it.

Page 77, note 2. From whence Tarlton.] Not Tarlton, but the author of the "News Out of Purgatory."

Page 109, note 5. Three early copies.] To these copies of Isumbras may be added another in MS. Ashmole 61, and a fragment in a MS. in the Royal Library at Naples, described in the Reliq. Antiq., ii., 67. Ellis has analyzed the Caius College MS.

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